

6-603. PURPOSES.

THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION ARE TO:

- (1) RAISE AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED WHEN A CHILD IS RAISED WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A RESPONSIBLE FATHER;
- (2) IDENTIFY OBSTACLES THAT IMPEDE OR PREVENT THE INVOLVEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FATHERS IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN; AND
- (3) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES THAT ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 41, § 18-406.

The only changes are in style.

Defined term: "Commission" § 6-601

6-604. MEMBERSHIP.

(A) COMPOSITION.

THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 18 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

- (1) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;
- (2) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;
- (3) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
- (4) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION;
- (5) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS;
- (6) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN;
- (7) ONE JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE FAMILY DIVISION OF A CIRCUIT COURT NOMINATED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS;
- (8) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
- (9) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES NOMINATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
- (10) THREE INDIVIDUALS WITH EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMATIC OR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE WITH NONCUSTODIAL FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN;
- (11) THREE INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST OR EXPERTISE IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO NONCUSTODIAL FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY, PARENT, OR RELIGIOUS GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS;