

(g) (1) A person sentenced under this section may petition for and be granted parole if the person:

(i) is at least 65 years old; and

(ii) has served at least 15 years of the sentence imposed under this section.

(2) The Maryland Parole Commission shall adopt regulations to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 526

(Senate Bill 175)

AN ACT concerning

### Juveniles – Mentoring Program – “Maryland Rising”

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to establish a statewide program of volunteer mentors for children ~~in detention or who have spent a certain amount of time in a committed placement; requiring the Program to try and place mentors in a certain manner;~~ establishing that the Program shall be called “Maryland Rising”; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to develop a statewide network of State and community agencies, volunteer organizations, and other groups to recruit mentors; providing for the role of mentors; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to a mentoring Program in the Department of Juvenile Services called “Maryland Rising”.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 9-240.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 3 (S.B. 6) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)