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CHAPTER 192

(House Bill 1055)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Resources Family Preservation Services – Family Oriented Policy

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to implement a family oriented policy for the programs and services administered by the Department of Human Resources; requiring the Secretary to coordinate policy development, planning, and budgeting in a certain manner; requiring the Secretary to modify and adopt certain regulations consistent with family oriented policies before a certain date; and generally relating to a family oriented policy for the Department of Human Resources.~~ requiring the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile Services, and Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the State Superintendent of Schools to develop a certain joint plan for the provision and implementation of certain family preservation services under certain circumstances; declaring the policy of the State to provide certain family preservation services; allowing certain persons to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to submit certain reports to certain persons; authorizing the use of certain funds for the provision of family preservation services under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a State family oriented policy to provide family preservation services under certain circumstances.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 88A – Social Services Administration
Section 5A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume)~~

BY adding to

Article 49D – Office for Children, Youth, and Families
Section 37 and 38 to be under the new subtitle “Family Preservation Services”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

Preamble

~~The need for family oriented services has prompted over 11 states to approve public policy initiatives to implement services to families using a home based crisis intervention method rather than costly residential care outside of the home; and~~