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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services - Operational Regions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to designate a
4 certain number of operational regions within the State; requiring a region to
5 include a certain number of secure detention facilities and committed facilities;
6 authorizing the Department to place a child into a committed facility outside of
7 the child's region under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
8 Department of Juvenile Services and the establishment of operational regions.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 83C - Juvenile Services
11 Section 2-116.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 83C - Juvenile Services**

17 2-116.1.

18 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST FIVE OPERATIONAL
19 REGIONS WITHIN THE STATE.

20 (B) A REGION SHALL INCLUDE:

21 (1) AT LEAST ONE SECURE DETENTION FACILITY USED SOLELY FOR
22 CHILDREN PENDING COURT DISPOSITION OR AWAITING PLACEMENT FOLLOWING
23 ADJUDICATION; AND

24 (2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,
25 A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF COMMITTED FACILITIES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO
26 DIAGNOSE, CARE FOR, TRAIN, EDUCATE, AND REHABILITATE PROPERLY EVERY
27 CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT FROM THAT REGION.

1 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PLACE A CHILD INTO A COMMITTED FACILITY
2 OUTSIDE OF THE CHILD'S REGION IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT THAT:

4 (1) SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR THE CHILD ARE NEEDED; AND

5 (2) THE TRANSFER OF THE CHILD IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE
6 CHILD.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
8 effect October 1, 2005.