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By: **Delegates Zirkin and Morhaim**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services - Victor Cullen Center**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that, by a certain date, the Victor Cullen Center shall  
4 be a regional committed facility; limiting the number of beds that the Victor  
5 Cullen Center may contain; requiring the Victor Cullen Center to serve children  
6 from certain counties; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile  
7 Services and the Victor Cullen Center.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 83C - Juvenile Services  
10 Section 2-117  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 83C - Juvenile Services**

16 2-117.

17 (a) (1) The Department may establish and operate the facilities that are  
18 necessary to diagnose, care for, train, educate, and rehabilitate properly children who  
19 need these services.

20 (2) These facilities include:

- 21 (i) The Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center;
- 22 (ii) The J. DeWeese Carter Center;
- 23 (iii) The Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School;
- 24 (iv) The Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center;
- 25 (v) The Cheltenham Youth Facility;

- 1 (vi) The Victor Cullen Center;
- 2 (vii) The Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center;
- 3 (viii) The Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center;
- 4 (ix) The Western Maryland Children's Center; and
- 5 (x) The youth centers.

6 (b) Before the Department asks the General Assembly for a bond issue to build  
7 or renovate a facility, the Department shall consult on the proposed construction or  
8 renovation plans with the governing body of the county where the facility is to be built  
9 or renovated and with the governing body of each county to be served.

10 (C) BY JULY 1, 2007, THE VICTOR CULLEN CENTER:

- 11 (1) SHALL BE A REGIONAL COMMITTED FACILITY;
- 12 (2) MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN 48 BEDS; AND
- 13 (3) SHALL SERVE CHILDREN FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:
  - 14 (I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;
  - 15 (II) FREDERICK COUNTY;
  - 16 (III) GARRETT COUNTY;
  - 17 (IV) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND
  - 18 (V) WASHINGTON COUNTY.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall  
20 include in the fiscal year 2008 State budget sufficient funds to implement the  
21 provisions of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2005.