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BY: Senator Gladden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 517
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first “of” insert “requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to establish a Gang Prevention and Intervention Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring an intake officer to refer a child and a child’s parents or guardians to the Program under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to develop certain programs and resources; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;”; and after line 15, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-10.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 22, insert:

“Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-8A-10.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

(B) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH A GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

(Over)

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE TO PREVENT AND REDUCE GANG ACTIVITY BY ASSISTING AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS IN DISENGAGING FROM GANG MEMBERSHIP.

(D) ON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT ALLEGING A CHILD HAS COMMITTED A DELINQUENT ACT THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL REFER THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO THE PROGRAM.

(E) UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP:

(1) A STRATEGIC AND COORDINATED PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING CHILDREN IN DISENGAGING FROM INVOLVEMENT IN A CRIMINAL GANG;

(2) RESOURCES TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DISENGAGING FROM INVOLVEMENT IN A CRIMINAL GANG, INCLUDING:

(I) JOB TRAINING;

(II) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE;

(III) FAMILY COUNSELING;

(IV) DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELING; AND

(V) HOUSING; AND

(3) A PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE WHO ARE FOUND NOT TO BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF A CRIMINAL GANG BUT WHO ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN A CRIMINAL GANG.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM."