

# HOUSE BILL 945

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Children’s Cabinet in the Governor’s Office for Children – Study on Health**  
3 **and Social Services Needs of Juveniles**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Children’s Cabinet in the Governor’s Office for  
5 Children to review, compile, and report on certain information on efforts or  
6 programs related to mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders in juveniles;  
7 requiring the Children’s Cabinet to make recommendations on the development  
8 of a certain combined care management model and the development of a certain  
9 screening tool; requiring the Children’s Cabinet to report its findings and  
10 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing  
11 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Children’s Cabinet  
12 in the Governor’s Office for Children.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) The Children’s Cabinet in the Governor’s Office for Children shall:

16 (1) review and compile information and data on efforts or programs  
17 that have been implemented at the State, county, or municipal level that are designed  
18 to assess, diagnose, treat, or prevent mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders in  
19 juveniles, and report on the progress, costs, funding, and outcomes of those efforts,  
20 including:

21 (i) the Making All the Children Healthy program, implemented  
22 by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services;

23 (ii) the Crossover Youth Practice Model, implemented in Prince  
24 George’s County; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) any other efforts targeted at coordinating health and social  
2 services needs for juveniles;

3 (2) make recommendations on the development of a combined care  
4 management model to address both care and coordination of physical and mental  
5 health, substance abuse care, and other nonmedical delinquency risk factors for  
6 at-risk juveniles in State and local government programs, including anticipated costs  
7 and potential sources of funding for the model; and

8 (3) make recommendations on the development of a screening tool  
9 designated and tested for use with juveniles located in multiple State and local  
10 systems, including anticipated costs and potential sources of funding for the screening  
11 tool.

12 (b) The Children's Cabinet shall report its findings and recommendations to  
13 the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
14 on or before December 1, 2013.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the  
17 end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
18 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.