

# SENATE BILL 678

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Services – Community–Based Diversion Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to develop a  
4 Community–Based Diversion Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary to consult  
5 with representatives from the Annie E. Casey Foundation when developing the  
6 Pilot Program; establishing the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the  
7 Secretary to establish a certain juvenile day–treatment center in Baltimore  
8 City, require certain juveniles to report daily to the treatment center, establish  
9 certain community monitoring, hire certain counselors, and work with  
10 appropriate agencies for a certain purpose; requiring the Secretary to hire  
11 certain counselors when possible; requiring the Secretary to collect certain data  
12 and report annually to the General Assembly; authorizing the Secretary to  
13 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Community–Based  
14 Diversion Pilot Program.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Human Services  
17 Section 9–247  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Human Services**

23 **9–247.**

24 **(A) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP A COMMUNITY–BASED**  
25 **DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES**  
2 **FROM THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION WHEN DEVELOPING THE PILOT**  
3 **PROGRAM.**

4           **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP**  
5 **COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO COMMITMENT OF JUVENILES IN**  
6 **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS WHILE MAINTAINING COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

7           **(C) TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE**  
8 **SECRETARY SHALL:**

9           **(1) ESTABLISH A JUVENILE DAY-TREATMENT CENTER IN**  
10 **BALTIMORE CITY CAPABLE OF TREATING 25 MODERATE- TO HIGH-RISK**  
11 **JUVENILE OFFENDERS;**

12           **(2) REQUIRE JUVENILES ASSIGNED TO THE TREATMENT CENTER**  
13 **TO REPORT DAILY TO THE TREATMENT CENTER;**

14           **(3) ESTABLISH COMMUNITY MONITORING OF JUVENILES**  
15 **ASSIGNED TO THE TREATMENT CENTER, INCLUDING RANDOM VISITS TO THE**  
16 **JUVENILE'S HOME AND SCHOOL;**

17           **(4) HIRE COUNSELORS TO DEVELOP AN INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT**  
18 **PLAN FOR EACH JUVENILE ASSIGNED TO THE TREATMENT CENTER, INCLUDING**  
19 **INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION; AND**

20           **(5) WORK WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO DETERMINE**  
21 **WHETHER JUVENILE OFFENDERS ASSIGNED TO THE TREATMENT CENTER ARE**  
22 **ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AND WHETHER THE JUVENILE WOULD BENEFIT FROM**  
23 **ADDITIONAL TREATMENT COVERED BY MEDICAID.**

24           **(D) WHEN POSSIBLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL HIRE COUNSELORS FOR**  
25 **THE TREATMENT CENTER WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY SERVED BY THE**  
26 **TREATMENT CENTER.**

27           **(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL COLLECT DATA AND REPORT ANNUALLY ON**  
28 **OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
29 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFICACY OF THE**  
30 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

31           **(F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
32 **SECTION.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2013.