

## Chapter 316

(Senate Bill 752)

AN ACT concerning

### Department of Budget and Management – Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, with the assistance of the Secretary of Human Resources and in consultation with certain persons, to develop and implement the Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program; specifying the purposes of the Program; specifying that an internship under the Program ~~is may be paid or unpaid and shall continue for a certain period;~~ requiring the Program to be established in ~~at least three counties in~~ multiple regions of the State, ~~including one in a certain area of the State;~~ requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to coordinate with certain State agencies on establishing certain internships; authorizing agencies participating in the Program to take certain actions; establishing certain eligibility requirements for individuals participating in an internship under the Program; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Human Resources, to issue ~~a certain reports~~ report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly ~~by~~ on or before a certain date ~~date~~; specifying the contents of the ~~reports~~ report; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to internship opportunities for certain foster youth.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Human Services  
Section 5–318.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 3–207  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

~~Article – Human Services~~

~~5-318.1.~~

Article – State Finance and Procurement

3-207.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “FOSTER YOUTH” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) IS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE; OR

(II) 1. IS AN ADULT UNDER THE AGE OF 26 YEARS; AND

2. WAS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE ON THE INDIVIDUAL’S 18TH BIRTHDAY.

(3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) THE SECRETARY ~~OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT~~ SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ~~LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORS~~ LOCAL DIRECTORS OF LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

(2) COORDINATE WITH STATE AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH INTERNSHIPS IN STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE OPEN ~~EXCLUSIVELY~~ TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FOSTER YOUTH WITH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS IN AGENCIES WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN ~~AT LEAST THREE COUNTIES, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN WESTERN MARYLAND, SOUTHERN MARYLAND, OR THE EASTERN SHORE~~ MULTIPLE REGIONS OF THE STATE.

(E) ~~INTERNSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE~~ MAY BE PAID OR UNPAID AND SHALL BEGIN IN JUNE EACH YEAR AND CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 3 MONTHS.

(F) A STATE AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY:

- (1) SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNSHIP APPLICANTS; AND
- (2) SELECT ITS INTERNS FROM AMONG THE AVAILABLE APPLICANTS.

(G) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE A FOSTER YOUTH AT LEAST ~~17~~ 15 YEARS OLD.

(H) ~~ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR~~ OCTOBER 31, 2015, THE SECRETARY ~~OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT,~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

- (1) THE NUMBER OF FOSTER YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;
- (2) THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF INTERNSHIPS IN THE PROGRAM;
- (3) EFFORTS TO RECRUIT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; AND
- (4) FACTORS THAT AFFECT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before March 1, 2014, the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Human Resources, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on plans for implementing the Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program established under this Act.~~

SECTION ~~2~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of December 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.