

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 786
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Jurisdiction and Detention” and substitute “Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction”; and strike beginning with “that” in line 3 down through “law” in line 16 and substitute “the Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 3 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 5, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 2 through line 31 on page 10, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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- (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Maryland Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;
- (7) a juvenile court judge, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; and
- (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) one representative from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention;
 - (ii) a Maryland State's Attorney;
 - (iii) a representative of a local correctional facility;
 - (iv) a representative of a local law enforcement agency;
 - (v) a representative from a juvenile justice advocacy group;
 - (vi) a representative from a victims' rights advocacy group;

(vii) an ex-offender who was charged as an adult for an offense committed as a juvenile;

(viii) a youth services provider;

(ix) a mental health provider specializing in adolescent mental health; and

(x) a national expert on youth justice issues, or the expert's designee.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study current laws relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;

(2) review current research on best practices for handling offenses committed by youth in the court system; and

(3) make recommendations regarding:

(i) whether or not to eliminate the existing exclusionary offenses that automatically result in adult charges for youth and restore juvenile court discretion;

(ii) the benefits of retaining youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;

(iii) methods to reduce the number of youth in adult detention centers and prisons; and

(iv) the long-term fiscal impact of treating youth in the adult criminal system.

(g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.