Chapter 216

(House Bill 151)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Services – Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program – Expansion Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to establish a Department of Juvenile Services Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program in a certain number of counties each year until the Pilot Program is available in every county in the State; requiring the Secretary to determine which counties to add to the Pilot Program based on certain criteria; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain annual report to the General Assembly and the Department of Budget and Management on or before a certain date each year; altering a certain definition altering a certain reporting requirement relating to a certain <u>Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program</u>; altering a certain obsolete reference; and generally relating to the expansion of the Department of Juvenile Services Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 3–8A–10.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement) Chapter 601 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005 Section 2

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-8A-10.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Designated assessment service provider" means a community-based provider of assessment, intervention, and referral services to children alleged to be in need of supervision and their parents or guardians.

(ii) "Designated assessment service provider" includes county staff, contractors, and resources that may provide assessment, intervention, and referral services to children alleged to be in need of supervision and their parents or guardians.

- (3) "Pilot community" means:
 - (i) Baltimore City;
 - (ii) Baltimore County;
 - (iii) Cecil County;
 - (iv) Montgomery County; [or]
 - (v) Prince George's County; OR

(VI) A COUNTY DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES AS A PILOT COMMUNITY UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(b) (1) The Secretary of Juvenile Services shall establish a Department of Juvenile Services Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program in:

- **[(1)] (I)** Baltimore City;
- (2)] (II) Baltimore County;
- [(3)] (III) Cecil County;
- [(4)] (IV) Montgomery County; and
- **[(5)] (V)** Prince George's County.

(2) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PILOT PROGRAM IN TWO ADDITIONAL COUNTIES EACH YEAR UNTIL THE PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE.

(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL DETERMINE WHICH COUNTIES TO ADD TO THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BASED ON COMMUNITY NEED AND LOCAL SUPPORT.

(3) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF

BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON THE SECRETARY'S PROGRESS TOWARD EXPANDING THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE OUTCOMES OF PRIOR EXPANSIONS.

(c) (1) The Pilot Program shall select designated assessment service providers in each pilot community.

(2) The designated assessment service providers shall be contracted and funded by the local management board of each pilot community.

(d) On receipt of a complaint under § 3-8A-10 of this subtitle that alleges that a child in a pilot community is in need of supervision, unless the intake officer concludes under § 3-8A-10(c) of this subtitle that the court has no jurisdiction or that neither an informal adjustment nor judicial action is appropriate, the intake officer shall refer the child and the child's parents or guardians to a designated assessment service provider for the pilot community before the intake officer may authorize the filing of a petition or peace order request or propose an informal adjustment.

(e) A designated assessment service provider shall:

(1) Meet with a child referred to the provider and the child's parents or guardians at least two and not more than six times to discuss the child's:

- (i) School performance;
- (ii) Family interactions;
- (iii) Relationships with peers; and
- (iv) Emotional and physical health, including drug and alcohol

use;

(2) Review all available, relevant records concerning the child,

including:

- (i) Academic records;
- (ii) Medical records; and
- (iii) Psychiatric records;
- (3) Conduct an assessment of the child; and

(4) Establish a case plan and a case record for the provision of services to the child, including:

(i) Family counseling;

- (ii) Educational advocacy;
- (iii) Drug and alcohol counseling;
- (iv) Sex education;
- (v) After-school programs;
- (vi) Truancy and dropout prevention;
- (vii) Transitional living services;
- (viii) Mediation services;
- (ix) Employment and job training services;
- (x) Alternative school placement; and

(xi) Drug and alcohol counseling for the parents, guardians, or other family members of the child.

(f) An intake officer may not authorize the filing of a petition or peace order request or propose an informal adjustment for a child alleged to be in need of supervision in a pilot community unless the designated assessment service provider has filed a report with the intake officer stating:

(1) The date of the initial meeting with the child and the child's parents or guardians required under this section; and

(2) That all attempts to provide assessment, intervention, and referral services have failed.

Chapter 601 of the Acts of 2005

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[, on]:

(A) ON or before December 31, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Department of Juvenile Services and the [Office for Children, Youth, and Families] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN shall jointly report to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article on the implementation of this Act.

(B) <u>BEGINNING IN 2014, THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION</u> (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF THE ABILITY OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES TO EXPAND THE CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PILOT PROGRAM TO ADDITIONAL COUNTIES IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.