

## Chapter 205

**(House Bill 103)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Human Resources and Child Support Enforcement  
Administration – Renaming**

FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Human Resources to be the Department of Human Services; renaming the Secretary of Human Resources to be the Secretary of Human Services; providing that the Department of Human Services is the successor of the Department of Human Resources; renaming the Child Support Enforcement Administration to be the Child Support Administration; providing that the Child Support Administration is the successor of the Child Support Enforcement Administration; providing that certain names and titles of a certain unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; providing for the continuity of certain matters and persons; providing that letterhead, business cards, and other documents reflecting the renaming of the Department and the Administration may not be used until all letterhead, business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name of the Department and the Administration before the effective date of this Act are used; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross–references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to the renaming of the Department of Human Resources, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 10–106 to be under the amended part “Part II. Child Support Administration”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section 2–101, 2–201, and 2–202(a)(1) to be under the amended title “Title 2. Department of Human Services”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government  
Section 8–201(b)(10)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Family Law**

Part II. Child Support [Enforcement] Administration.

10–106.

There is a Child Support [Enforcement] Administration in the Department of Human [Resources] **SERVICES**.

**Article – Human Services**

Title 2. Department of Human [Resources] **SERVICES**.

2–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Department” means the Department of Human [Resources] **SERVICES**.
- (c) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Human [Resources] **SERVICES**.

2–201.

There is a Department of Human [Resources] **SERVICES** established as a principal department of the State government.

2–202.

(a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint the Secretary of Human [Resources] **SERVICES**.

**Article – State Government**

8–201.

(a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that Branch.

(b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State government are:

(10) Human [Resources] **SERVICES**;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as provided in this Act:

(a) (1) The Department of Human Services is the successor of the Department of Human Resources.

(2) The Child Support Administration is the successor of the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

(b) In every law, executive order, rule, regulation, policy, or document created by an official, an employee, or a unit of this State, the names and titles of those agencies and officials mean the names and titles of the successor agency or official.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any commission, office, department, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain for the balance of the term to which appointed or elected, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any transaction or employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute amended by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from a statute amended by this Act remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended by this Act as though the amendment had not occurred. If a change in nomenclature involves a change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) the continuity of every commission, office, department, agency, or other unit is retained; and

(2) the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That letterhead, business cards, and other documents reflecting the renaming of the Department of Human Resources to be the Department of Human Services and reflecting the renaming of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to be the Child Support Administration may not be used until all letterhead, business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name of the Department and the Administration before the effective date of this Act have been used.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act. The publisher shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**