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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

$\mathbf{2}$ Social Services – Safe Harbor Child Trafficking Victim Service Pilot Program

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Safe Harbor Child Trafficking Victim Service Pilot 4 Program; providing for the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the local $\mathbf{5}$ departments of social services in Baltimore and Washington counties to implement 6 the pilot program; requiring certain local departments of social services to refer 7 certain children to the Regional Child Trafficking Advocate within a certain period 8 of time; requiring the Secretary of State, after consultation with certain entities, to 9 appoint certain Advocates; providing for the duties of an Advocate; requiring an 10 Advocate to submit a certain report to certain entities on or before a certain date and 11 at certain intervals thereafter; providing for the contents of a certain report; 12providing that an Advocate located in a certain county has certain duties; requiring 13the Department of Human Services to provide certain funding to carry out the pilot 14 program; requiring the local departments of social services for certain counties to 15apply for certain grants for a certain purpose; defining a certain term; and generally 16relating to the Safe Harbor Child Trafficking Victim Service Pilot Program.

- 17BY adding to
- 18 Article – Human Services
- 19 Section 4–305
- 20Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21(2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)
- 22SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 23That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Human Services

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 **4–305.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ADVOCATE" MEANS THE COMMUNITY-BASED 3 AGENCY APPOINTED AS THE REGIONAL CHILD TRAFFICKING ADVOCATE IN 4 BALTIMORE COUNTY OR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

5 (B) THERE IS A SAFE HARBOR CHILD TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICE 6 PILOT PROGRAM.

7 THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO ADDRESS THE (C) SPECIALIZED NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING BY 8 VICTIMS TO NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES 9 LINKING THROUGH Α COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCY APPOINTED AS THE REGIONAL CHILD TRAFFICKING 10 ADVOCATE. 11

12 (D) (1) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN BALTIMORE 13 COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM.

14 (2) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN BALTIMORE
15 COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHALL REFER A CHILD IDENTIFIED AS A
16 VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING TO THE ADVOCATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN 24
17 HOURS OF IDENTIFICATION.

18 (E) THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL 19 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE WORK GROUP TO STUDY SAFE 20 HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SHALL APPOINT 21 THE ADVOCATE IN EACH COUNTY.

22 (F) THE ADVOCATE APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION 23 SHALL:

(1) RECEIVE REFERRALS OF CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS VICTIMS OF
 SEX TRAFFICKING AND COMPLETE VICTIM ASSESSMENTS, SAFETY PLANNING, AND
 CRISIS INTERVENTION;

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(2) PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES BY:

28 (I) DEVELOPING AN INITIAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PLAN,
 29 INCLUDING APPROPRIATE SERVICE REFERRALS;

30(II) VERIFYING A CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR NECESSARY31SERVICES AND COORDINATING THE APPLICATION FOR AND PROVISION OF32SERVICES;

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1(III) ENSURING THE CHILD'S ONGOING SAFETY AND ABILITY TO2PARTICIPATE IN SERVICES; AND

3 (IV) PROVIDING PERSONAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN UNDER THE
 4 CASE MANAGEMENT OF THE ADVOCATE;

5 (3) ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH 6 VARIOUS SERVICE PROVIDERS OR REGULATORY AGENCIES, INCLUDING CHILD 7 WELFARE, JUDICIAL, JUVENILE JUSTICE, LEGAL, EDUCATION, OR FEDERAL 8 IMMIGRATION AGENCIES;

9 (4) WORK TO ESTABLISH OUTREACH SERVICES TO SEX-TRAFFICKED 10 CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING OUTREACH TO MARGINALIZED 11 POPULATIONS, INCLUDING MALES, TRANSGENDER CHILDREN, AND FOREIGN 12 NATIONALS;

13(5)PROVIDE TRAINING TO REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AND HUMAN14SERVICES PROFESSIONALS REGARDING EDUCATION ON SIGNS THAT A CHILD MAY BE15A VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CHILD VICTIMS; AND

16(6) PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEX17TRAFFICKING TASK FORCES, COALITIONS, OR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.

18 (G) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND EVERY 90 DAYS 19 THEREAFTER, AN ADVOCATE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE WORK GROUP TO 20 STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND 21 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CHILD SEX 22 TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE.

23 (2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS 24 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CASE
MANAGEMENT OF THE ADVOCATE AND THE GENDER, AGE, RACE, AND ETHNICITY OF
EACH CHILD;

(II) THE TYPES OF AND NUMBER OF CONTACTS FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED TO EACH CHILD UNDER CASE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING CONTACTS IN
THE AREAS OF:

31 **1.** MENTAL HEALTH;

4 HOUSE BILL 1494 1 2. **MEDICAL CARE;** $\mathbf{2}$ 3. **COUNSELING SERVICES; AND** 3 4. LEGAL SERVICES, INCLUDING VICTIM RIGHTS, 4 FAMILY LAW, AND IMMIGRATION; $\mathbf{5}$ (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ONGOING NEEDS OF EACH CHILD 6 THAT ARE NOT BEING MET BY A SERVICE PROVIDER OR SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, 7 INCLUDING SPECIALIZED CARE BEDS, HOUSING, OR TRANSPORTATION, AND THE REASON, IF AVAILABLE, THE NEEDS REMAIN UNMET; 8 9 (IV) INFORMATION ON HOUSING SERVICES **PROVIDED**, 10 INCLUDING THE LENGTH OF TIME FROM EMERGENCY PLACEMENT TO LONG-TERM 11 PLACEMENT; 12INFORMATION ON CASE OUTCOMES, INCLUDING OUTCOMES (V) 13 FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES, CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST ALLEGED TRAFFICKERS, OR LEGAL CASES WITH A CHILD AS A PARTY; AND 1415(VI) THE SOURCE OF EACH CHILD'S REFERRAL TO THE 16 ADVOCATE AND WHETHER THE CHILD WAS IDENTIFIED BEFORE THE REFERRAL AS 17**BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED.** 18 THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER (3) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY 19 20IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT A CHILD RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE 21ADVOCATE. (1) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE ADVOCATE SHALL PROVIDE 22**(H)** SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE CHILD REFERRED FOR THE ADVOCATE'S SERVICES. 23(2) 24**(I)** IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE ADVOCATE SHALL: 251. PROVIDE SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE CHILD **REFERRED FOR THE ADVOCATE'S SERVICES; AND** 26272. COORDINATE WITH LOCAL AGENCIES TO ENSURE 28CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING HAVE ACCESS TO 29NECESSARY SERVICES. 30 LOCAL AGENCIES MAY INCLUDE: **(II)**

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1	1. THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;
2	2. THE LOCAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER;
3	3. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;
4	4. THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AND
5	5. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.
$6 \\ 7$	(I) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING OF \$200,000 EACH FISCAL YEAR TO CARRY OUT THE PILOT PROGRAM.
8 9 10	(2) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN BALTIMORE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHALL APPLY FOR GRANTS TO SUPPLEMENT DEPARTMENT FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.
11	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

12 1, 2018.