

# HOUSE BILL 606

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By: **Delegates Clippinger, R. Lewis, and Lierman**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Justice Reform Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Juvenile Justice Reform Council in the Governor's  
4 Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing for the composition, chair, and  
5 staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain  
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; specifying the  
7 duties of the Council; requiring the Council to report its findings and  
8 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
9 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Juvenile  
10 Justice Reform Council.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) There is a Juvenile Justice Reform Council in the Governor's Office of Crime  
14 Control and Prevention.

15 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

16 (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
19 the House;

20 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the  
21 Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

23 (5) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (6) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;
- 2 (7) a representative of the Maryland Judiciary, appointed by the Chief  
3 Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- 4 (8) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5 (9) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;
- 6 (10) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- 7 and
- 8 (11) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 9 (i) a national expert on youth justice issues;
- 10 (ii) a representative of a foundation with expertise in juvenile  
11 systems;
- 12 (iii) a representative of local law enforcement agencies;
- 13 (iv) a representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association;
- 14 (v) a youth services provider;
- 15 (vi) two individuals under the age of 30 years who were under the  
16 supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services, but who are no longer under the  
17 supervision of the Department; and
- 18 (vii) any other member with expertise relevant to the work of the  
19 Council.
- 20 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Council.
- 21 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for  
22 the Council.
- 23 (e) A member of the Council:
- 24 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but
- 25 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
26 Travel Regulations.
- 27 (f) The Council shall:

1           (1) convene an advisory stakeholder group that includes organizations  
2 with experience in:

3                   (i) juvenile justice policy reform;

4                   (ii) advocating for groups with disproportionate contact with the  
5 juvenile justice and criminal justice systems;

6                   (iii) advocating for victims of crime; and

7                   (iv) restorative justice;

8           (2) working with the advisory stakeholder group, conduct roundtable  
9 discussion forums seeking public input in all geographic regions of the State;

10           (3) using a data-driven approach, develop a statewide framework of  
11 policies to invest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism of youth  
12 offenders; and

13           (4) request technical assistance from the Abell Foundation, the Annie E.  
14 Casey Foundation, the Council of State Governments, the Vera Institute of Justice, or  
15 another similar organization.

16           (h) On or before December 1, 2020, the Council shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
18 Government Article, the General Assembly.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June  
21 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.