

SENATE BILL 856

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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; establishing
7 the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date;
9 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;

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 State Superintendent's
7 designee; 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 justice
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 representative of a youth services bureau; and

15 (vi) any other member with expertise relevant to the work of the
16 Council.

17 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Council.

18 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Council.

19 (e) A member of the Council:

20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

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

23 (f) The Council shall:

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

26 (i) juvenile justice policy reform;

1 (ii) advocating for groups with disproportionate contact with the
2 criminal justice system and juvenile justice system;

3 (iii) advocating for victims of crime; and

4 (iv) restorative justice;

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

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

10 (4) request technical assistance from the Council of State Governments
11 Justice Center to develop the policy framework.

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

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