

Chapter 252

(Senate Bill 856)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Justice Reform Council

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

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

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

(b) The Council consists of the following members:

- (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee;
- (6) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;
- (7) a representative of the Maryland Judiciary, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- (8) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (9) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(10) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee; and

(11) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) a national expert on youth justice issues;

(ii) a representative of a foundation with expertise in juvenile justice systems;

(iii) a representative of local law enforcement agencies;

(iv) a representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association;

(v) a representative of a youth services bureau; ~~and~~

(vi) a representative from a crime victims organization; ~~and~~

(vii) two individuals under the age of 30 years who were under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services but who are no longer under the supervision of the Department; and

~~(vi)~~ ~~(vii)~~ (viii) any other member with expertise relevant to the work of the Council.

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

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

(e) A member of the Council:

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

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

(f) The Council shall:

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

(i) juvenile justice policy reform;

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

(iii) advocating for victims of crime; and

(iv) restorative justice;

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

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

(4) research best practices for the treatment of juveniles who are subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems;

(5) identify and make recommendations to limit or otherwise mitigate risk factors that contribute to juvenile contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and

(6) request technical assistance from the ~~Council of State Governments Justice Center to develop the policy framework~~ Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Council of State Governments, the Vera Institute of Justice, or another similar organization.

(g) (1) On or before December 1, 2019, the Council shall submit an interim report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2) On or before December 1, 2020, the Council shall ~~report~~ submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.