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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Bowie State University - State Center for Alternative Dispute**
3 **Resolution and Violence Prevention**

4 FOR the purpose of creating the State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and
5 Violence Prevention at Bowie State University; establishing the Center as the
6 central repository for materials, data, and information relating to certain training
7 programs; authorizing the Center to operate a violence prevention program,
8 implement violence prevention networks, provide certain information and training,
9 academic support, and other services regarding violence prevention education, and
10 to provide certain educational and academic support regarding violence prevention;
11 requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the annual budget to support the
12 Center; and generally relating to the creation of a State Center for Alternative
13 Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention at Bowie State University.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Education
16 Section 24-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Alternative Dispute
17 Resolution and Violence Prevention Programs"
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 **SUBTITLE 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
24 **PROGRAMS.**

25 24-401.

26 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM" MEANS A COURSE
27 IN WHICH EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS OFFERED IN THE AREAS OF RECOGNIZING,
28 ADDRESSING, AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND THE
29 COMMUNITY.

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1 (B) AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, THERE IS A STATE CENTER FOR
2 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

3 (C) THE CENTER:

4 (1) SHALL SERVE AS THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR MATERIALS,
5 DATA, AND INFORMATION RELATED TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS
6 OPERATING IN THE STATE OR AVAILABLE TO THE STATE;

7 (2) MAY SERVE AS A REFERRAL SOURCE FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION
8 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OPERATING IN THE STATE OR AVAILABLE TO THE STATE;

9 (3) MAY IMPLEMENT VOLUNTEER PREVENTION NETWORKS
10 THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

11 (4) MAY PROVIDE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SERVICES IN THE
12 AREA OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION;

13 (5) MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION SERVICES REGARDING VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

15 (6) MAY PROVIDE OR FACILITATE VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION
16 AND TRAINING PROGRAMS;

17 (7) MAY PROVIDE MEDIA AND MEDIA-RELATED SERVICES IN THE
18 AREA OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION; AND

19 (8) MAY PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO
20 DISRUPTIVE YOUTH.

21 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OPERATING A VIOLENCE PREVENTION
22 PROGRAM IN THE STATE SHALL BE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT TO THE CENTER:

23 (1) A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM; AND

24 (2) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROGRAM
25 REQUIRED BY THE CENTER.

26 (E) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE
27 CENTER FOR INFORMATION ON ANY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM
28 OPERATING IN THE STATE OR AVAILABLE TO THE STATE.

29 (2) ON REQUEST, THE CENTER SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION
30 RELATING TO A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

31 (F) (1) THE OPERATION OF THE CENTER SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY FUNDS:

32 (I) AS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF
33 THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND

34 (II) ANY OTHER SOURCE.

35 (2) ANY FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CENTER THAT ARE NOT
36 EXPENDED AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL
37 FUND BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE OPERATION FUND OF THE CENTER.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall include
2 \$100,000 in start-up funds in the Fiscal Year 1998 budget for the operations of the Center
3 for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence at Bowie State University.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1996.