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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

15 BY adding to

- 16 Article - Education
- 17 Section 24-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Alternative Dispute
- 18 Resolution and Violence Prevention Programs"
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

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1 **Article - Education**

2 SUBTITLE 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION
3 PROGRAMS.

4 24-401.

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM" MEANS A COURSE
6 IN WHICH EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS OFFERED IN THE AREAS OF RECOGNIZING,
7 ADDRESSING, AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND THE
8 COMMUNITY.

9 (B) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM
10 HAS ESTABLISHED AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, ~~THERE IS~~ A STATE CENTER FOR
11 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION. THE MARYLAND
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY RECOGNIZES THAT CENTER.

13 (C) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE CENTER:

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

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

19 (3) MAY IMPLEMENT VOLUNTEER PREVENTION NETWORKS
20 THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

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

23 (5) MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION SERVICES REGARDING VIOLENCE
24 PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

25 (6) MAY PROVIDE OR FACILITATE VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION
26 AND TRAINING PROGRAMS;

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

29 (8) MAY PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO
30 DISRUPTIVE YOUTH.

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

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

34 (2) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROGRAM
35 REQUIRED BY THE CENTER.

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

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

6 (F) ~~(F)~~ THE OPERATION OF THE CENTER SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY FUNDS:

7 ~~(F)~~ (1) AS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE ANNUAL
8 BUDGET OF ~~THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND~~ BOWIE STATE
9 UNIVERSITY; AND

10 ~~(F)~~ (2) ANY OTHER SOURCE.

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

14 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall include~~
15 ~~\$100,000 in start-up funds in the Fiscal Year 1998 budget for the operations of the Center~~
16 ~~for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence at Bowie State University.~~

17 ~~SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~
18 ~~October 1, 1996.~~