

EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Delegates C. Mitchell, Branch, Oaks, and Kirk

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Blue Ribbon Commission on Summer Youth Employment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a State Blue Ribbon Commission on Summer Youth
4 Employment; providing for the composition, chairman, reimbursement, and staffing
5 of the Commission; requiring the Commission to formulate a certain strategic plan,
6 to explore a certain joint funding initiative and certain other options; authorizing
7 the Commission to exercise certain powers; requiring the Commission to make a
8 certain report on or before a certain date; terminating this Act after a certain date;
9 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to a State Blue
10 Ribbon Commission on Summer Youth Employment.

11 BY adding to

12 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
13 Section 18-310
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, Currently proposed federal budget cuts will either eliminate all
18 federal funding for summer jobs for the youth of Maryland or substantially diminish
19 federal funds for these jobs; and

20 WHEREAS, As a result of proposed federal budget cuts, nearly 10,000 jobs for
21 qualified youth in the State will be jeopardized during the summer of 1996; and

22 WHEREAS, Many youth in the State are self-supporting without a viable family
23 support system and are dependent on a summer job for school supplies, clothing, and
24 other necessities; and

25 WHEREAS, The absence of publicly funded summer job placements for the
26 youth of the State will seriously diminish the opportunity for many high school graduates
27 to attend college, encourage personal idleness, and place some youngsters at risk of
28 engaging in illegal activities which promise immediate financial benefit; and

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1 WHEREAS, Immediate action must be taken to establish a joint initiative by the
2 State and the private sector to identify a source of funding for job opportunities for the
3 youth of the State during the summer of 1996; now, therefore,

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

6 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

7 18-310.

8 (A) THERE IS A STATE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON SUMMER YOUTH
9 EMPLOYMENT.

10 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY
11 THE GOVERNOR.

12 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
13 COMMISSION.

14 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION SHALL
15 PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.

16 (E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

17 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

18 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
19 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

20 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

21 (1) FORMULATE A STRATEGIC PLAN OF ACTION TO ESTABLISH A
22 SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE STATE FOR
23 THE SUMMER OF 1996;

24 (2) EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT FUNDING INITIATIVE
25 INVOLVING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS; AND

26 (3) EXPLORE ANY CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE OPTIONS THAT MAY
27 PROVIDE A VIABLE MECHANISM TO FUND JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF
28 THE STATE FOR THE SUMMER OF 1996.

29 (G) THE COMMISSION MAY:

30 (1) CONSULT WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS CONCERNING SUMMER JOB
31 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE STATE;

32 (2) RECEIVE TESTIMONY THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS
33 APPROPRIATE; AND

34 (3) DEVELOP ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IT CONSIDERS
35 APPROPRIATE FOR CHANGES IN STATUTES, REGULATIONS, ORGANIZATION, OR
36 PROCEDURES.

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1 (H) THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE
3 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 1996.

4 (I) THIS SECTION SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER APRIL 30,
5 1996.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
7 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
8 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all members elected to
9 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
10 enacted.