
By: Senators Trotter and Young

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bowie State University - State Center for Violence Prevention**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the State Center for Violence Prevention at Bowie State
4 University; establishing the Center as the central repository for materials, data, and
5 information relating to certain training programs; authorizing the Center to operate
6 a violence prevention program; encouraging certain violence prevention programs
7 to submit information to the Center; requiring the distribution by the Center of
8 certain information in certain circumstances; establishing a certain intent of the
9 General Assembly concerning the funding of the Center and certain other violence
10 prevention programs; and generally relating to the creation of a State Center for
11 Violence Prevention at Bowie State University.

12 BY adding to

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

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 **SUBTITLE 4. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

22 24-401.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM" MEANS A COURSE
24 THAT OFFERS EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE AREAS OF RECOGNIZING,
25 ADDRESSING, AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND THE
26 COMMUNITY.

27 (B) AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, THERE IS A STATE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE
28 PREVENTION.

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1 (C) THE CENTER:

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

5 (2) MAY OPERATE A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT THE
6 UNIVERSITY THAT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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

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

10 (2) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROGRAM
11 REQUIRED BY THE CENTER.

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

15 (2) ON REQUEST, THE CENTER SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION
16 RELATING TO A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH REASONABLE
17 PROMPTNESS.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
19 General Assembly that State general funds may not be used to establish or operate the
20 State Center for Violence Prevention or a violence prevention program at Bowie State
21 University.

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