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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 the
6 Center as the central repository for materials, data, and information relating to
7 certain training programs; authorizing the Center to operate a violenceprevention
8 program, implement violence prevention networks, provide certain information and
9 training, academic support, and other services regarding violence prevention
10 education, and provide certain educational and academic support regarding
11 violence prevention; encouraging individuals and groups operating certain violence
12 prevention programs to submit information to the Center; requiring the distribution
13 by the Center of certain information in certain circumstances; establishing a certain
14 intent of the General Assembly concerning the funding of the Center andcertain
15 other violence prevention programs; and generally relating to the ~~creation~~
16 recognition of a State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence
17 Prevention at Bowie State University.

18 BY adding to

- 19 Article - Education
- 20 Section 24-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. AlternativeDispute
- 21 Resolution and Violence Prevention Programs"
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 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 ~~THAT OFFERS IN WHICH~~ EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS OFFERED IN THE AREAS OF
7 RECOGNIZING, ADDRESSING, AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME
8 AND THE COMMUNITY.

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

11 (C) THE CENTER:

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

15 ~~(2) MAY OPERATE A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT THE~~
16 ~~UNIVERSITY THAT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC~~

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 ~~WITH REASONABLE~~
6 ~~PROMPTNESS.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
8 General Assembly that State general funds may not be used to establish or operate the
9 State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention or a violence
10 prevention program at Bowie State University.

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