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**By: Delegate Leopold**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Department of Education - Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers**

3 FOR the purpose of transferring the authority for the interagency system of  
4 comprehensive early intervention services for infants and toddlers and their families  
5 from the Office of Children, Youth, and Families to the State Department of  
6 Education; making the Department the lead agency for supervising and monitoring  
7 the program of intervention services for infants and toddlers; requiring the  
8 Department to adopt regulations to implement this Act; and generally relating to an  
9 interagency system of comprehensive early intervention services for infants and  
10 toddlers.

11 BY transferring

12 Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families  
13 Section 12  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 to be

17 Article - Education  
18 Section 2-107  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1997 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article - Education  
23 Section 2-107  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1997 Replacement Volume)  
26 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
28 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 12 of Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and  
29 Families of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 2-107 of  
30 Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Education**

4 2-107.

5 (a) The [Office for Children, Youth, and Families] DEPARTMENT shall be the  
6 lead agency for supervising and monitoring a statewide, community-based interagency  
7 system of comprehensive early intervention services to eligible infants and toddlers, birth  
8 through age 2, and their families.

9 (b) The interagency system shall include the early intervention services provided  
10 or supervised by the State Departments of [Education,] Health and Mental Hygiene,  
11 Human Resources, and Juvenile Justice, AND THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH,  
12 AND FAMILIES.

13 (c) The interagency system of early intervention services shall be administered in  
14 accord with the applicable requirements of Federal Public Law 99-457 and other  
15 applicable federal and State laws.

16 (d) An interagency coordinating council shall be appointed by the Governor, with  
17 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall:

18 (1) Advise and assist the [Office for Children, Youth, and Families]  
19 DEPARTMENT in the supervision and monitoring of the interagency system of early  
20 intervention services; and

21 (2) Submit an annual report to the Governor and the federal government.

22 (e) Local lead agencies shall be established or designated in each county and  
23 Baltimore City to administer the interagency system of early intervention services in their  
24 subdivision, under the direction of the [Office for Children, Youth, and Families]  
25 DEPARTMENT.

26 (f) (1) In each county, the county executive or county commissioners, as  
27 appropriate, or in Baltimore City, the Mayor shall establish a local interagency  
28 coordinating council to advise and assist the local lead agency in the development and  
29 implementation of policies that constitute the local early intervention system.

30 (2) (I) In each county, the county executive or county commissioners, as  
31 appropriate, or in Baltimore City, the Mayor may designate the local management board  
32 to serve as the local interagency coordinating council or establish the local interagency  
33 coordinating council as a part of that board.

34 (II) Where a local management board and a local interagency  
35 coordinating council coexist, they shall work cooperatively.

36 (g) The [Office for Children, Youth, and Families] DEPARTMENT shall adopt  
37 [rules and] regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

38 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
39 July 1, 1997.