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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **At-Risk Populations - Placement and Policy Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a study to be conducted on the procedures for placement
4 of at-risk youth and adult populations in State and residential facilities, and
5 other residential locations and recommendations be developed regarding a
6 coordinated State policy on placement, with a final report to be submitted to the
7 General Assembly.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 5-507.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Family Law**

16 5-507.1.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AT-RISK YOUTH OR ADULT" MEANS:

18 (1) CHILDREN WHO ARE IN DANGER OF REPEATEDLY COMMITTING
19 CRIMES AND ENGAGING IN ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR;

20 (2) CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RECEIVE NEEDED CARE FROM FAMILY OR
21 LEGAL GUARDIANS;

22 (3) CHILDREN WHO SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES;
23 AND

24 (4) AT-RISK ADULTS MEANS ADULTS WHO MAY BE ON PAROLE OR
25 PROBATION AND WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF STATE SERVICES.

1 (B) THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, HUMAN
2 RESOURCES, EDUCATION, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SHALL JOINTLY CONDUCT A
3 STUDY ON THE PLACEMENT OF AT-RISK YOUTH AND ADULTS IN STATE FACILITIES,
4 OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

5 (C) THE STUDY SHALL MAKE FINDINGS AS TO:

6 (1) HOW THE STATE DETERMINES WHETHER PLACEMENT IS
7 NECESSARY;

8 (2) HOW THE DEPARTMENTS CONDUCTING THE STUDY DETERMINE THE
9 LOCATION FOR PLACEMENT OF AT-RISK YOUTH OR ADULTS;

10 (3) HOW AT-RISK YOUTH OR ADULTS ARE EVALUATED FOR PLACEMENT;

11 (4) HOW COMMUNITIES ARE NOTIFIED BY THE POSSIBLE PLACEMENT
12 OF AT-RISK PLACEMENT/POPULATIONS IN STATE OR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES;

13 (5) HOW THE STATE ASSESSES THE IMPACT OF PLACEMENT OF
14 FACILITIES ON THE COMMUNITY;

15 (6) HOW THE STATE DETERMINES THE APPROPRIATENESS OF
16 LOCATION FOR FACILITIES IN A COMMUNITY; AND

17 (7) HOW A CONTRACTOR IS CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR
18 AT-RISK POPULATIONS.

19 (D) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1999, THE DEPARTMENTS SHALL ISSUE A
20 FINAL REPORT ON THE STUDY, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
21 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1998.