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By: **Delegate Zirkin**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Juvenile Transitional Correctional Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study Juvenile Transitional Correctional  
4 Facilities; providing for the appointment of members of the Task Force;  
5 establishing certain objectives of the Task Force; requiring a certain report;  
6 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the creation  
7 of a Task Force to Study Juvenile Transitional Correctional Facilities.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
10 Section 18-317  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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

16 18-317.

17 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY JUVENILE TRANSITIONAL  
18 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

19 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

20 (1) A CHAIRPERSON, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

21 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE  
22 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE HOUSE JUDICIARY  
23 COMMITTEE;

24 (3) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE  
25 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE SENATE JUDICIAL  
26 PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE;

1 (4) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE  
2 SERVICES;

3 (5) ONE MEMBER WITH A BACKGROUND IN JUVENILE JUSTICE WHO IS A  
4 RECOGNIZED EXPERT IN THE FIELD, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

5 (6) ONE MEMBER OF A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY GROUP, APPOINTED BY  
6 THE GOVERNOR;

7 (7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COUNTY JUVENILE TRANSITIONAL  
8 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

9 (8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A CITY JUVENILE TRANSITIONAL  
10 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

11 (9) ONE MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY GROUP IN AN AREA WITH A  
12 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY, APPOINTED BY THE  
13 GOVERNOR; AND

14 (10) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND  
15 FAMILIES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

16 (C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

17 (1) STUDY THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR PLACEMENT OF  
18 TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES;

19 (2) STUDY THE LEVEL OF SUPERVISION PROVIDED AT TRANSITIONAL  
20 FACILITIES;

21 (3) IDENTIFY THE IMPACT OF PLACEMENT OF TRANSITIONAL  
22 FACILITIES ON COMMUNITIES;

23 (4) STUDY HOW THE STATE DETERMINES WHETHER PLACEMENT IS  
24 NECESSARY;

25 (5) STUDY HOW JUVENILES ARE EVALUATED FOR PLACEMENT;

26 (6) STUDY HOW COMMUNITIES ARE NOTIFIED ABOUT PLACEMENT OF  
27 TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES; AND

28 (7) STUDY HOW SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE SELECTED FOR  
29 TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES.

30 (D) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION  
31 EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
32 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

33 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES, IN COOPERATION WITH  
34 OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT

1 FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED  
2 RESOURCES.

3 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
5 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31,  
6 2002.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
9 September 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
10 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.