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By: **Senators Jimeno and Hughes**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction - Extension of Sunset**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the termination dates that apply to the Commission on  
4 Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction; requiring the Commission to submit a certain  
5 report on or before a certain date; clarifying language; and generally relating to  
6 the Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 83C - Juvenile Justice  
9 Section 2-133  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998  
14 Section 3

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16 Chapter 465 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998  
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18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 83C - Juvenile Justice**

21 2-133.

22 (a) There is a Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction in the Department  
23 of Juvenile Justice.

24 (b) The purpose of the Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction shall be  
25 to:

- 1 (1) Consider the impact of recent changes in juvenile court jurisdiction  
2 on:
- 3 (i) The respective caseloads of juvenile courts and adult criminal  
4 courts;
- 5 (ii) The level and incidence of crimes and delinquent acts  
6 committed by youthful offenders; and
- 7 (iii) Services provided by public and private entities;
- 8 (2) Utilize resources within the Department to study and document the  
9 effects of:
- 10 (i) Existing and alternative sanction mechanisms;
- 11 (ii) Incentives and systems of incentive;
- 12 (iii) Job opportunities and job training programs and what effect  
13 they might have on recidivism; and
- 14 (iv) Education and special education services provided to youthful  
15 offenders;
- 16 (3) Consider the impact of any changes in federal juvenile justice law or  
17 jurisdiction;
- 18 (4) Recommend and propose feasible strategies and avenues within the  
19 Department, elsewhere in State government, and in the private and nonprofit sectors,  
20 that might limit crimes and delinquent acts by youthful offenders; and
- 21 (5) Provide on an annual basis any recommendations for changes to the  
22 jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- 23 (c) The Commission shall consist of:
- 24 (1) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice;
- 25 (2) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- 26 (3) The Secretary of Human Resources;
- 27 (4) The State Superintendent of Schools;
- 28 (5) The Special Secretary for Children, Youth and Families;
- 29 (6) The Attorney General;
- 30 (7) The Secretary of State Police;
- 31 (8) The Chief Public Defender;

- 1           (9)     Two members of the State judiciary selected by the Chief Judge of the  
2 Court of Appeals;
- 3           (10)    Three members of the Senate of Maryland selected by the President  
4 of the Senate;
- 5           (11)    Three members of the House of Delegates selected by the Speaker of  
6 the House; and
- 7           (12)    The following members selected by the Secretary of Juvenile Justice:
- 8                   (i)     The chief of a police department of a political subdivision of the  
9 State;
- 10                   (ii)    The State's Attorney of a county;
- 11                   (iii)   A representative from a victims' advocacy group;
- 12                   (iv)   A person with a background in criminal and juvenile justice who  
13 is a recognized expert in the field;
- 14                   (v)     A computer systems or data processing expert;
- 15                   (vi)   A person who is a recognized child advocate with experience in  
16 juvenile justice; and
- 17                   (vii)  A person who is a recognized civil rights advocate with  
18 experience in juvenile justice.
- 19       (d)     A member of the Commission may elect to serve personally on the  
20 Commission or may designate an individual from the member's respective office,  
21 department, or agency to represent the member and to act for the member to the  
22 same effect as if the member were present.
- 23       (e)     (1)     The Secretary of Juvenile Justice shall serve as the chairman of the  
24 Commission.
- 25               (2)     From among its members, the Commission at its initial  
26 organizational meeting shall elect a vice chairman.
- 27       (f)     The Commission shall meet at the times that the Chairman determines.
- 28       (g)     A member of the Commission:
- 29               (1)     May not receive compensation; but
- 30               (2)     Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
31 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 32       (h)     Staff support for the Commission shall be provided by the Department.

1 (i) On OR BEFORE September 30, 2000, the Commission shall submit a report  
2 on the results of its investigation and study, together with any resulting policy  
3 recommendations, to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
4 Article, to the General Assembly.

5 (J) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A  
6 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT UPDATING THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION AND  
7 STUDY, TOGETHER WITH ANY RESULTING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE  
8 GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE  
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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**Chapter 464 of the Acts of 1998**

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
12 remain effective for a period of [2] 3 years and, at the end of September 30, [2000]  
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20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2000.