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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statewide Mentoring Partnership**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Education to partner with the
4 Baltimore Mentoring Partnership and other local mentoring programs in the
5 State in expanding the network of mentoring programs for low-income public
6 school students in Maryland; and providing for the purposes and funding of the
7 partnership.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Education
10 Section 8-1A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 1A. State Mentoring
11 Partnership"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 SUBTITLE 1A. STATE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.

18 8-1A-01.

19 (A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PARTNER WITH THE BALTIMORE
20 MENTORING PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER LOCAL MENTORING PROGRAMS IN THE
21 STATE IN EXPANDING THE NETWORK OF MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MARYLAND.

23 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL BE TO
24 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME PUBLIC SCHOOL
25 STUDENTS IN MARYLAND WHO HAVE ACCESS TO AND BENEFIT FROM QUALITY
26 MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CARING ADULTS BY:

1 (I) RECRUITING MENTORS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR
2 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:

- 3 1. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS;
- 4 2. BUSINESSES;
- 5 3. COLLEGES;
- 6 4. COMMUNITY GROUPS; AND
- 7 5. UNITS OF GOVERNMENT;

8 (II) PROVIDING REFERRALS OF MENTORS THROUGH A STATEWIDE
9 SEARCHABLE DATABASE AND A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE NUMBER;

10 (III) PROVIDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
11 INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES, REGIONAL TRAINING
12 SESSIONS, AND MONTHLY INDIVIDUALIZED TRAINING IN BEST PRACTICES, THAT
13 FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING:

- 14 1. LOCAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO
15 INITIATE, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND MENTORING EFFORTS; AND
- 16 2. WORKPLACE ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND
17 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO DEVELOP,
18 MANAGE, AND SUSTAIN A MENTORING INITIATIVE;

19 (IV) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR MENTORING
20 THROUGH STATEWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, NEWSLETTERS, AND PUBLICATIONS;

21 (V) DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR CREATING AND
22 DISSEMINATING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR RESOURCES THROUGH A NETWORK
23 THAT SUPPORTS:

- 24 1. LOCAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE;
- 25 2. DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS;
- 26 3. CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS;
- 27 4. STATEWIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING EFFORTS;
- 28 5. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS; AND
- 29 6. ONGOING DATABASE AND DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS;

30 (VI) DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE TRACKING SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS
31 LOCAL PROGRAMS TO REPORT:

- 32 1. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED;

1 2. QUALITATIVE CHANGES IN THE BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE
2 OF STUDENTS SERVED;

3 3. NEEDED RESOURCES; AND

4 4. AREAS OF NEEDED SERVICE; AND

5 (VII) ESTABLISHING A PHYSICAL STATEWIDE MENTORING CENTER
6 AND LIBRARY THAT CONTAINS MANUALS, VIDEOS, RESEARCH PAPERS, DIRECTORIES
7 OF MENTORS AND RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS.

8 (3) THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL TARGET LOW-INCOME
9 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AT VARIOUS AGES AND LEVELS OF RISK.

10 (4) THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL FOSTER MENTORING
11 RELATIONSHIPS IN FORMS THAT MAY INCLUDE:

12 (I) BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER RELATIONSHIPS;

13 (II) ACADEMIC HELPERS AND TUTORS;

14 (III) CAREER AND WORKPLACE GUIDES;

15 (IV) TALENT COACHES; AND

16 (V) TEAMS.

17 (B) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET NOT LESS THAN \$500,000 TO FUND THE COSTS OF
19 THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2001.