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By: **Senator McFadden**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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

1 STATE IN EXPANDING THE NETWORK OF MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME  
2 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MARYLAND.

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

7 (I) RECRUITING MENTORS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR  
8 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:

- 9 1. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS;
- 10 2. BUSINESSES;
- 11 3. COLLEGES;
- 12 4. COMMUNITY GROUPS; AND
- 13 5. UNITS OF GOVERNMENT;

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

16 (III) PROVIDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,  
17 INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES, REGIONAL TRAINING  
18 SESSIONS, AND MONTHLY INDIVIDUALIZED TRAINING IN BEST PRACTICES, THAT  
19 FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING:

- 20 1. LOCAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO  
21 INITIATE, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND MENTORING EFFORTS; AND
- 22 2. WORKPLACE ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND  
23 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO DEVELOP,  
24 MANAGE, AND SUSTAIN A MENTORING INITIATIVE;

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

27 (V) DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR CREATING AND  
28 DISSEMINATING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR RESOURCES THROUGH A NETWORK  
29 THAT SUPPORTS:

- 30 1. LOCAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE;
- 31 2. DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS;
- 32 3. CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS;
- 33 4. STATEWIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING EFFORTS;

1 5. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS; AND

2 6. ONGOING DATABASE AND DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS;

3 (VI) DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE TRACKING SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS  
4 LOCAL PROGRAMS TO REPORT:

5 1. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED;

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

8 3. NEEDED RESOURCES; AND

9 4. AREAS OF NEEDED SERVICE; AND

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

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

15 (4) THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL FOSTER MENTORING  
16 RELATIONSHIPS IN FORMS THAT MAY INCLUDE:

17 (I) BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER RELATIONSHIPS;

18 (II) ACADEMIC HELPERS AND TUTORS;

19 (III) CAREER AND WORKPLACE GUIDES;

20 (IV) TALENT COACHES; AND

21 (V) TEAMS.

22 (B) BEGINNING JULY 1, ~~2003~~ 2002, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
23 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET ~~NOT LESS THAN \$500,000~~ AN AMOUNT NOT  
24 EXCEEDING \$250,000 TO BE USED, TOGETHER WITH EQUAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM  
25 THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO FUND THE COSTS OF THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.

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

