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By: **Delegates Shriver, Griffith, Shank, Healey, Carlson, Doory, and Frush**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families - Extension of Sunset**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of the Act that established the
4 Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families; making this Act an
5 emergency measure; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on Children,
6 Youth, and Families.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 2-10A-06
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 362 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999
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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 - State Government**

21 2-10A-06.

22 (a) In this section, "conditions of well-being" means the desired results
23 identified by the Maryland Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families based upon
24 identified needs and used to improve quality.

25 (b) There is a Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.

1 (c) The Committee consists of the following 20 members:

2 (1) from the Senate:

3 (i) the majority leader;

4 (ii) the minority leader; and

5 (iii) two members from each of the four standing committees; and

6 (2) from the House:

7 (i) the majority leader;

8 (ii) the minority leader; and

9 (iii) eight other Delegates appointed by the Speaker from among the
10 members of the House committees that deal with issues affecting children, youth, and
11 families.

12 (d) (1) Members of the Committee shall be appointed on the basis of
13 demonstrated ability and interest concerning issues affecting children, youth, and
14 families.

15 (2) In making appointments, the President and the Speaker shall
16 provide for representation from:

17 (i) the committees that deal with issues affecting children, youth,
18 and families; and

19 (ii) the major areas of the State.

20 (e) (1) (i) A member appointed by the President serves at the pleasure of
21 the President.

22 (ii) A member appointed by the Speaker serves at the pleasure of
23 the Speaker.

24 (2) (i) If a vacancy occurs among the Senators on the Committee, a
25 successor promptly shall be appointed by the President.

26 (ii) If a vacancy occurs among the Delegates on the Committee, a
27 successor promptly shall be appointed by the Speaker.

28 (f) (1) From among the membership of the Committee, the President shall
29 appoint a Senator to serve as the Senate chairman of the Committee and the Speaker
30 shall appoint a Delegate to serve as the House chairman of the Committee.

31 (2) The Senate chairman and the House chairman shall alternate
32 annually as presiding chairman and cochairman of the Committee.

1 (g) A majority of the full authorized membership of the Committee is a
2 quorum.

3 (h) The Department of Legislative Services, Office of Policy Analysis, shall
4 provide staff assistance to the Committee.

5 (i) The Committee shall hold:

6 (1) an organizational meeting promptly after the appointment of its
7 members; and

8 (2) any other meetings that the Committee considers necessary to carry
9 out its duties efficiently.

10 (j) The Committee may:

11 (1) hold a hearing on any matter relating to the functions of the
12 Committee; and

13 (2) consider a vote on a bill or resolution referred to it by the President or
14 the Speaker.

15 (k) In addition to any powers and duties set forth elsewhere, in an endeavor to
16 achieve conditions of well-being for Maryland children, youth, and families, the
17 Committee shall:

18 (1) investigate the problems that jeopardize the well-being of Maryland
19 children, youth, and families;

20 (2) identify State policies and actions that, in conjunction with public
21 and private partners and in support of families and communities, can work to achieve
22 conditions of well-being for Maryland children, youth, and families;

23 (3) review and make recommendations to align State statutes,
24 regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities with the State policies and
25 actions described in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

26 (4) search for any interdepartmental gaps, inconsistencies, and
27 inefficiencies in the implementation or attainment of the State policies and actions
28 described in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

29 (5) identify any new laws, regulations, programs, services, and
30 budgetary priorities that are needed to ensure and promote desired conditions of
31 well-being for Maryland children, youth, and families;

32 (6) serve as an informational resource for the Senate and the House on
33 legislative policy matters concerning children, youth, and families; and

34 (7) perform other activities, including improving public awareness of the
35 special needs of Maryland children, youth, and families.

1 (1) (1) Subject to § 2-1246 of this title, the Committee shall submit an
2 annual report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year.

3 (2) The report shall include:

4 (i) a description of the work of the Committee; and

5 (ii) any recommendations of the Committee.

6 **Chapter 362 of the Acts of 1999**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 June 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] 6 years AND 1 MONTH and,
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16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
18 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
19 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
20 the date it is enacted.