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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Mentoring Partnership**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to partner with
4 the Maryland Mentoring Partnership and other mentoring programs in the
5 State to expand mentoring programs and opportunities for minors who reside
6 with families who are receiving temporary cash assistance or who have received
7 such assistance within a certain period; providing for the purpose of the
8 mentoring partnership; providing for the recruitment of mentors from certain
9 organizations; providing for a statewide searchable database and toll-free
10 hotline number; providing for certain training; providing for the raising of public
11 awareness of mentoring; providing for the development of strategies for certain
12 resources; providing for development of a certain statewide tracking system;
13 requiring the Maryland Mentoring Partnership to foster certain mentoring
14 relationships; providing for the funding of the Maryland Mentoring Partnership;
15 and generally relating to the Maryland Mentoring Partnership.

16 BY adding to
17 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
18 Section 99 through 101, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Maryland
19 Mentoring Partnership"
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

25 **MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP**

26 99.

27 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PARTNER WITH THE MARYLAND MENTORING
28 PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER LOCAL MENTORING PROGRAMS IN THE STATE IN ORDER
29 TO EXPAND THE NETWORK OF MENTORING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR

1 MINORS WHO RESIDE WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH
2 ASSISTANCE OR WHO HAVE RECEIVED SUCH ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS.

3 100.

4 (A) THE PURPOSE OF THE MENTORING PARTNERSHIP IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY
5 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MINORS WHO RESIDE WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE
6 RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE OR WHO HAVE RECEIVED SUCH
7 ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS, AND HAVE ACCESS TO AND BENEFIT FROM
8 QUALITY MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CARING ADULTS BY:

9 (1) RECRUITING MENTORS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR
10 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:

11 (I) BUSINESSES;

12 (II) COLLEGES;

13 (III) COMMUNITY GROUPS;

14 (IV) UNITS OF GOVERNMENT; AND

15 (V) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS;

16 (2) PROVIDING REFERRALS OF MENTORS THROUGH A STATEWIDE
17 SEARCHABLE DATABASE AND A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE NUMBER;

18 (3) PROVIDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING
19 STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS AND MONTHLY INDIVIDUALIZED
20 TRAINING IN MENTORING BEST PRACTICES, THAT FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING:

21 (I) SCHOOLS AND LOCAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES SEEKING TO
22 INITIATE, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND MENTORING EFFORTS; AND

23 (II) WORKPLACE AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND
24 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO DEVELOP,
25 MANAGE, AND SUSTAIN A MENTORING INITIATIVE;

26 (4) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR AND BENEFIT OF
27 MENTORING THROUGH STATEWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, NEWSLETTERS, AND
28 PUBLICATIONS;

29 (5) DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR CREATING AND DISSEMINATING
30 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR RESOURCES THROUGH A NETWORK THAT SUPPORTS:

31 (I) LOCAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIPS;

32 (II) DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS;

33 (III) CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS;

1 (IV) STATEWIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING EFFORTS; AND

2 (V) ONGOING DATABASE AND DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND

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

5 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED;

6 (II) QUALITATIVE CHANGES IN THE BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE OF
7 STUDENTS SERVED;

8 (III) RESOURCES NEEDED; AND

9 (IV) AREAS OF NEEDED SERVICE.

10 (B) THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL FOSTER MENTORING
11 RELATIONSHIPS THAT MAY INCLUDE:

12 (1) BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER RELATIONSHIPS;

13 (2) ACADEMIC HELPERS AND TUTORS;

14 (3) CAREER AND WORKPLACE GUIDES;

15 (4) TALENT COACHES; AND

16 (5) TEAMS.

17 101.

18 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$500,000 TO BE USED,
20 TOGETHER WITH EQUAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO FUND
21 THE COSTS OF THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2002.