

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 541

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Morhaim,” insert “Amedori, Nathan-Pulliam,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice”; strike beginning with “Intensive” in line 3 down through “in” in line 16 and substitute “Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Department to staff the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 14 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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- (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- (5) the Special Secretary of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families or the Special Secretary's designee; and
- (6) the following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) one representative of the State Judiciary who is knowledgeable and experienced in juvenile justice issues;
 - (ii) one representative of the Office of the Public Defender who is knowledgeable and experienced in juvenile justice issues;
 - (iii) one representative of a State's Attorney's office who is knowledgeable and experienced in juvenile justice issues;
 - (iv) one representative of law enforcement who is knowledgeable and experienced in juvenile justice issues;
 - (v) one representative of a community-based advocacy group that deals with juvenile justice issues;
 - (vi) one representative from an association of retired individuals; and
 - (vii) one representative of a local college who is knowledgeable about the activities of student volunteers.

- (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.
- (d) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide staff for the Task Force.

- (e) A member of the Task Force:
 - (1) may not receive compensation; but

 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

- (f) The Task Force shall:
 - (1) study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of instituting a program in the Department of Juvenile Justice to match children with volunteer mentors, including retired individuals and college students;

 - (2) study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of providing intensive individualized monitoring and support services to children in the custody of or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice;

 - (3) make recommendations regarding ways to help a child become productively involved in school or the workplace;

 - (4) make recommendations on ways to use monitoring and mentoring programs to help decrease the likelihood that a child who has had contact with the Department of Juvenile Justice will be involved in delinquent behavior in the future; and

 - (5) study and make recommendations on the feasibility of using monitoring and mentoring programs to provide a child in the custody of or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice with services, including informal counseling, tutoring, assisting the child with life training skills, working with the child's family or guardian, and interacting with the child's school or employer.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2004.”.

On page 3, in line 16, strike “3 years and 3 months” and substitute “1 year and 1 month”; and in line 17, strike “December 31, 2006” and substitute “October 31, 2004”.