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By: **Delegate Boschert**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Drug Treatment Court - Drug Treatment Court Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Judiciary's Drug Treatment Court Commission to  
4 annually present an oral report to certain committees within a certain number  
5 of days after the General Assembly convenes for a regular session; requiring the  
6 Judiciary's Drug Treatment Court Commission to submit a certain annual  
7 written report to the General Assembly; requiring the Commission's reports to  
8 be informative on certain issues regarding the implementation status of Drug  
9 Treatment Courts throughout the State; providing for the termination of this  
10 Act; and generally relating to the Drug Treatment Court Commission.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 Section 13-701 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Drug Treatment Court  
14 Commission"  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 **SUBTITLE 7. DRUG TREATMENT COURT COMMISSION.**

21 13-701.

22 (A) THE JUDICIARY'S DRUG TREATMENT COURT COMMISSION ESTABLISHED  
23 BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS DATED OCTOBER 23,  
24 2001, UNDER ARTICLE IV, § 18 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION SHALL:

25 (1) ANNUALLY PRESENT AN ORAL REPORT TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL  
26 PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WITHIN 7 DAYS  
27 AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES FOR A REGULAR SESSION; AND

1           (2)     SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT  
2 AN ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3     (B)     THE REPORTS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
4 INFORM THE COMMITTEES AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
5 STATUS OF DRUG TREATMENT COURTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE INCLUDING:

6           (1)     THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING AND  
7 IMPLEMENTING DRUG TREATMENT COURTS IN THE STATE;

8           (2)     THE FACILITATION OF IDENTIFYING AND ACQUIRING FUNDING FOR  
9 ALL COMPONENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT DRUG TREATMENT COURTS IN THE  
10 STATE;

11          (3)     THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR  
12 LICENSED TREATMENT PROVIDERS AND FOR DRUG TREATMENT COURT  
13 COMPONENTS INCLUDING SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT SERVICES, AND  
14 SANCTIONS; AND

15          (4)     THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING REGARDING DRUG TREATMENT  
16 COURT POLICIES, SERVICES, AND PRACTICES.

17     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end  
19 of September 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
20 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.