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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Justice - Aftercare Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each child in the aftercare program in the Department  
4 of Juvenile Justice to be assigned to an aftercare team; requiring each aftercare  
5 team to prepare an aftercare plan for each child in aftercare assigned to the  
6 team and file the plan with the juvenile court; requiring each aftercare team to  
7 provide certain reports to the Secretary of Juvenile Justice and the juvenile  
8 court; requiring a certain report to include certain information; defining certain  
9 terms; and generally relating to the aftercare program in the Department of  
10 Juvenile Justice.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article 83C - Juvenile Justice  
13 Section 2-127.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 83C - Juvenile Justice**

19 2-127.1.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) "AFTERCARE" MEANS A PROGRAM IN WHICH INDIVIDUALIZED  
23 SERVICES AND SUPERVISION ARE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO EACH CHILD  
24 WHO IS COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO IS  
25 DISCHARGED FROM A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY.

26 (3) "AFTERCARE PLAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN FOR EACH  
27 CHILD IN AFTERCARE THAT PROPOSES SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE,  
28 TREATMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPERVISION.

1 (4) "AFTERCARE TEAM" MEANS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED  
2 BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR CHILD IN AFTERCARE TO:

3 (I) PREPARE THE CHILD FOR REENTRY INTO THE SPECIFIC  
4 COMMUNITY TO WHICH THE CHILD WILL RETURN;

5 (II) ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF PRESCRIBED SERVICES TO THE  
6 CHILD IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

7 (III) MONITOR CONDUCT IN THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE PUBLIC  
8 SAFETY.

9 (B) (1) EACH CHILD IN AFTERCARE SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO AN AFTERCARE  
10 TEAM.

11 (2) EACH AFTERCARE TEAM SHALL PREPARE AN AFTERCARE PLAN FOR  
12 EACH CHILD IN AFTERCARE ASSIGNED TO THE TEAM AND FILE THE PLAN WITH THE  
13 JUVENILE COURT.

14 (3) EACH AFTERCARE TEAM SHALL REPORT MONTHLY TO THE  
15 SECRETARY AND TO THE JUVENILE COURT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH  
16 AFTERCARE PLAN.

17 (C) (1) EVERY 6 MONTHS, THE AFTERCARE TEAM SHALL REPORT TO THE  
18 SECRETARY ON THE OUTCOME OF AFTERCARE FOR THE CHILDREN ASSIGNED TO  
19 THE TEAM.

20 (2) A REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF AFTERCARE SHALL INCLUDE  
21 INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN:

22 (I) WHO ARE REARRESTED;

23 (II) WHO ARE REARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH SERIOUS OR  
24 VIOLENT OFFENSES;

25 (III) WHO ARE REARRESTED AND WAIVED TO THE ADULT SYSTEM;

26 (IV) WHO ARE RE-REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT;

27 (V) WHO ARE READJUDICATED AND RECOMMITTED;

28 (VI) WHO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR SUCCESSFULLY  
29 COMPLETE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION;

30 (VII) WHO ARE EMPLOYED; AND

31 (VIII) WHO HAVE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR DRUGS.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2003.