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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community and Faith-Based Partnership Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community and Faith-Based Partnership
4 Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to
5 appoint the chairman of the Council; establishing the terms of appointed
6 members; providing for the staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to
7 collect and disseminate certain information, provide training and technical
8 assistance to certain community and faith-based organizations, study State
9 programs and make certain recommendations, develop programs to help citizens
10 identify certain organizations that provide certain services, and make a certain
11 report annually; and generally relating to the Community and Faith-Based
12 Partnership Council.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - State Government
15 Section 9-2601 through 9-2603, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
16 26. Community and Faith-Based Partnership Council"
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, Community and faith-based organizations are uniquely able to
21 provide services to Maryland citizens in need of assistance in meeting basic human
22 needs; and

23 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has long recognized the ability of
24 community and faith-based organizations to provide services to citizens and has
25 partnered with these organizations with capital improvements through legislative
26 initiatives in the State capital budget; and

27 WHEREAS, Partnerships between the State and community and faith-based
28 organizations facilitate the seamless provision of human services; and

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends to continue to provide financial
2 assistance to community and faith-based organizations that provide human services;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, A mechanism is needed to connect community and faith-based
5 organizations and State agencies to better enable them to exchange information,
6 coordinate resources, provide technical assistance, and serve as a clearinghouse to
7 help meet the human services needs of Maryland citizens; now, therefore,

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

10 **Article - State Government**

11 SUBTITLE 26. COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.

12 9-2601.

13 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED
14 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.

15 9-2602.

16 (A) THERE IS A COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.

17 (B) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

18 (1) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
19 DESIGNEE;

20 (2) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR
21 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

22 (3) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
23 DESIGNEE;

24 (4) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES, OR
25 THE SPECIAL SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

26 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE
27 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

28 (6) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, APPOINTED BY
29 THE GOVERNOR;

30 (7) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT
31 PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

32 (8) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY
33 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

1 (C) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE
2 COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ASSURE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AND PROMOTE
3 RACIAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY IN THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP.

4 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

5 (E) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

6 (2) THE TERMS OF APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS
7 REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER
8 1, 2003.

9 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
10 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

11 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
12 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

13 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
15 JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND THE OFFICE
16 FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL JOINTLY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO
17 THE COUNCIL.

18 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT IS
19 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE
20 TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

21 9-2603.

22 THE COUNCIL SHALL:

23 (1) COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMS THAT
24 OFFER STATE OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY AND
25 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES;

26 (2) PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY
27 AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING STATE OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL
28 ASSISTANCE;

29 (3) STUDY STATE PROGRAMS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT
30 WAYS TO MAKE PROGRAMS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED
31 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES;

32 (4) DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO HELP CITIZENS IDENTIFY COMMUNITY AND
33 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES; AND

34 (5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE
35 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT

1 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
2 OF THE COUNCIL.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
4 appointed members of the Community and Faith-Based Partnership Council shall
5 expire as follows:

- 6 (1) six members in 2004;
- 7 (2) six members in 2005; and
- 8 (3) six members in 2006.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2003.