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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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

15 BY adding to  
16 Article - State Government  
17 Section 9-2601 through 9-2603, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
18 26. Community and Faith-Based Partnership Council"  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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## Preamble

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends to continue to provide financial  
12 assistance to community and faith-based organizations that provide human services;  
13 and

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

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

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**Article - State Government**

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

22 9-2601.

23 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED  
24 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.

25 9-2602.

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

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

28 (1) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
29 DESIGNEE;

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

32 (3) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
33 DESIGNEE;

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

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

5 (6) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

7 (7) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE  
8 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

9 ~~(6)~~ (8) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, APPOINTED  
10 BY THE GOVERNOR FROM A LIST OF 10 NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND  
11 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

12 ~~(7)~~ (9) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
13 THAT PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

14 ~~(8)~~ (10) SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY  
15 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR  
16 FROM A LIST OF 10 NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF  
17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

18 (C) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE  
19 COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ASSURE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AND PROMOTE  
20 RACIAL ~~AND~~, GENDER, ~~AND RELIGIOUS~~ DIVERSITY IN THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP.

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

22 (E) (1) ~~THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER~~ A MEMBER APPOINTED BY  
23 THE GOVERNOR IS 3 YEARS.

24 (2) THE TERMS OF APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS  
25 REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER  
26 1, 2003.

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

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

31 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
32 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE  
33 JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND THE OFFICE  
34 FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL JOINTLY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO  
35 THE COUNCIL.

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

4 9-2603.

5 THE COUNCIL SHALL:

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

9 (2) PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY  
 10 AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING STATE OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL  
 11 ASSISTANCE;

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

15 (4) ~~DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO HELP CITIZENS IDENTIFY COMMUNITY AND~~  
 16 ~~FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES~~ GUIDELINES  
 17 FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL AID TO COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED  
 18 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHALL ENSURE THAT NO FUNDS ARE USED UNLESS THE  
 19 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPENDITURE MONITORS THE RECIPIENT  
 20 ORGANIZATION AND THE PROGRAMS IT ADMINISTERS TO ENSURE:

21 (I) THAT THE FUNDS ARE NOT USED FOR SECTARIAN RELIGIOUS  
 22 INSTRUCTION, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROGRAM OR DEPARTMENT OF  
 23 DIVINITY OF ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION; AND

24 (II) COMPLIANCE, WHERE APPLICABLE, WITH THE  
 25 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964,  
 26 AS AMENDED; AND

27 (5) DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
 28 COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE  
 29 CORPORATE ENTITIES TO OPERATE PUBLICLY FUNDED HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS;

30 ~~(5)~~ (6) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE  
 31 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
 32 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
 33 OF THE COUNCIL.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial  
 35 ~~appointed~~ members of the Community and Faith-Based Partnership Council who are  
 36 appointed by the Governor shall expire as follows:

37 (1) six members in 2004;

1           (2)     six members in 2005; and

2           (3)     six members in 2006.

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