

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 293

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 6, inclusive, and substitute “Office for Children, Youth, and Families - Sunset Extension and Task Force”; and strike beginning with “repealing” in line 17 down through “Act;” in line 28 and substitute “extending the termination date for the Office for Children, Youth, and Families; establishing a certain task force to study programs established under certain provisions of law concerning children, youth, and family services; providing for the membership of the task force; providing for the duties of the task force; providing for the staffing of the task force; requiring the task force to provide a certain report by a certain date; extending a certain reporting date; repealing a certain termination date;”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 6, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families

Section 29

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(b)(12)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 282 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

Section 5”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with "That" in line 28 down through "ENACTED," in line 30.

On pages 20 through 32, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 20 through line 37 on page 32, inclusive, and substitute:

"Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families

29.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation Act, this article and all rules and regulations adopted under this article shall terminate and be of no effect after [July 1, 2005] JULY 1, 2006.

Article - State Government

8-403.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

(12) Children, Youth, and Families, Office for (Article 49D, § 1 of the Code: [July 1, 2004] JULY 1, 2006);

Chapter 282 of the Acts of 2002

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Programs under Article 49D of the Code.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 11 members:

(1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the

Senate;

(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the

House;

(3) a representative of the Administration, appointed by the Governor;

(4) a representative of the Advocates for Children and Youth;

(5) a representative of the Maryland Disability Law Center;

(6) a representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland; and

(7) a representative of the Maryland Association of Resources for Families and

Youth.

(c) (1) The Task Force shall determine, consistent with the budget actions taken by the General Assembly on the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, the appropriate structure and functions of the programs established under Article 49D of the Code.

(2) During its study of the programs established under Article 49D of the Code, the Task Force shall consider:

(i) promotion of a stable, safe, and healthy environment for children and families;

(ii) integrated systems of care that are family-centered and child-focused,

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and emphasize prevention, early intervention, and community-based services;

(iii) reallocation of funds for programs that provide prevention and diversion services to youth as an alternative to incarceration;

(iv) services for children and families that should be provided in the least restrictive setting and most integrated environment;

(v) coordinating the policies and budgets of State agencies that serve children to ensure the effective, efficient, and comprehensive delivery of services; and

(vi) cost neutrality for any changes to Article 49D of the Code or changes affecting the delivery of services to children and families.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staffing for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall report its recommendations on or before December 1, 2005, to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005.”.