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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Maryland Children's Day**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the commemorative Maryland Children's Day to fall
4 on a certain date of each year.

5 BY adding to
6 Article - State Government
7 Section 13-405
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Children hold a special place in our lives, and raising happy,
12 healthy children is the greatest success any parent can hope to achieve; and

13 WHEREAS, It should be the goal of every citizen of Maryland to ensure that the
14 children of Maryland are happy and healthy because children are profoundly
15 influenced by the people and environment around them; and

16 WHEREAS, Good schools and nurturing communities play a vital role in
17 helping children reach their full potential; and

18 WHEREAS, From infancy through adolescence, in child-care settings and
19 after-school programs, children can learn and thrive with the right care, attention,
20 and education; we owe them no less; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has shown its commitment to ensuring that
22 every child grows up in a safe and nurturing environment through measures such as
23 creating a Child Abuse and Neglect Centers of Excellence Initiative in the
24 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to improve the protection of children in
25 the State, and the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act, which increased State
26 funding for public schools by \$1.3 billion by 2008; and

27 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland are committed to using every resource to
28 build a bright future for the children of this State; now, therefore,

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

3 **Article - State Government**

4 13-405.

5 (A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JUNE 1 AS MARYLAND
6 CHILDREN'S DAY.

7 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF MARYLAND TO:

8 (1) EXPRESS THEIR LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR CHILDREN ON
9 MARYLAND CHILDREN'S DAY AND EVERY OTHER DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; AND

10 (2) WORK WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO NURTURE, LOVE, AND
11 TEACH THE CHILDREN OF MARYLAND.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2006.