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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Youth Advisory Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Youth Advisory Council; providing for
 4 the appointment, membership, terms, and duties of the Council; providing for
 5 the appointment of the cochaIRS of the Council; providing for the staffing for the
 6 Council; requiring the Council to work with the Department of Education
 7 regarding the granting of school credit for Council service; requiring the Council
 8 to hold certain meetings and conduct certain public hearings; providing that a
 9 member of the Council may not receive compensation as a member of the
 10 Council, but is entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the Council to make
 11 an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; specifying the
 12 terms of the initial members of the Council; defining certain terms; and
 13 generally relating to the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - State Government

16 Section 9-2701 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 27. Maryland Youth
 17 Advisory Council"

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - State Government**

23 **SUBTITLE 27. MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

24 9-2701.

25 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 26 INDICATED.

1 (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

2 (3) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 22 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER.

3 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

4 (C) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF:

5 (1) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
6 SENATE:

7 (I) SEVEN YOUTHS WHO ARE STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS OR
8 WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS THAT LEAD TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR
9 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OR A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA;

10 (II) TWO STUDENTS AT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
11 INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

12 (III) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE; AND

13 (2) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
14 HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

15 (I) SEVEN YOUTHS WHO ARE STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS OR
16 WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS THAT LEAD TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR
17 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OR A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA;

18 (II) TWO STUDENTS AT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
19 INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

20 (III) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

21 (D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS 2 YEARS.

22 (2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE
23 TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 2006.

24 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, THE MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL
25 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

26 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
27 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
28 QUALIFIES.

29 (5) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

30 (E) (1) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL DESIGNATE
31 ONE OF THE MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AS COCHAIR FOR 1 YEAR.

1 (2) AT THE FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, THE MEMBERS
2 SHALL ELECT ONE OF THE YOUTH MEMBERS TO SERVE AS COCHAIR FOR A TERM OF
3 1 YEAR.

4 (3) THE COUNCIL MAY APPOINT ANY OFFICERS THAT IT CONSIDERS
5 NECESSARY.

6 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR
7 THE COUNCIL.

8 (G) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

9 (1) INFORM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF
10 GOVERNMENT ISSUES CONCERNING YOUTH, INCLUDING OFFERING TESTIMONY ON
11 THESE ISSUES BEFORE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES;

12 (2) CONDUCT AN ANNUAL SEMINAR EACH SUMMER FOR ITS MEMBERS
13 REGARDING LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT, AND THE LEGISLATURE, TO WHICH
14 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE INVITED; AND

15 (3) EXAMINE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO YOUTH, INCLUDING:

16 (I) EDUCATION;

17 (II) EMPLOYMENT;

18 (III) STRATEGIES TO INCREASE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL
19 AND STATE GOVERNMENT;

20 (IV) HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND QUALITY OF CARE;

21 (V) SUBSTANCE ABUSE;

22 (VI) EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH;

23 (VII) THE ENVIRONMENT;

24 (VIII) POVERTY;

25 (IX) HOMELESSNESS; AND

26 (X) YOUTH ACCESS TO SERVICES ON A LOCAL AND STATEWIDE
27 BASIS.

28 (H) THE COUNCIL SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
29 REGARDING THE GRANTING OF SCHOOL CREDIT FOR COUNCIL SERVICE.

30 (I) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL SET PRIORITIES AND DETERMINE:

31 (I) THE FUNCTION OF SUBCOMMITTEES;

1 (II) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT;

2 (III) PROCEDURES; AND

3 (IV) THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO CONVENE MEETINGS.

4 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE
5 PROCEDURES AND RULES USED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE FOR USE AS MODELS FOR THE COUNCIL.

7 (J) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR AND
8 CONDUCT TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS EACH YEAR ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO
9 YOUTH.

10 (K) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

11 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL;
12 BUT

13 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
14 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

15 (L) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT
16 ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS
17 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
19 members of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council shall expire as follows:

20 (1) 10 members in 2007; and

21 (2) 11 members in 2008.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2006.