

SENATE BILL 687

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Youth Services Bureaus – Services**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that makes the provision of certain required
4 services by a youth services bureau subject to the availability of funding; and
5 generally relating to services of youth services bureaus.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Human Services

8 Section 9–233

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 6) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
11 2007)

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

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 9–233.

16 (a) In this section, “youth services bureau” means a community–based entity
17 that is operated:

18 (1) to provide community–oriented delinquency prevention, youth
19 suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and youth development;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) to ameliorate conditions that contribute to delinquency, youth
2 suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, and family disruption; and

3 (3) to function as an advocate of youth needs.

4 (b) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations that set eligibility
5 guidelines for State funding of youth services bureaus under this section.

6 (2) The regulations shall require that each youth services bureau that
7 receives State funding:

8 (i) provide, at convenient hours:

9 1. individual, family, or group counseling;
10 2. referral and information services;
11 3. crisis intervention, including intervention relating to
12 youth suicide prevention;

13 4. alcohol and drug abuse assessment and referral
14 services by staff who have received substance abuse assessment and referral training
15 from the Office of Education and Training for Addiction Services (OETAS) in the
16 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or from any other entity that the Secretary
17 determines to be qualified to provide substance abuse assessment and referral
18 training;

19 5. informal counseling; and
20 6. in accordance with the needs of the community [and
21 subject to the availability of funds]:

22 A. tutoring;
23 B. alternative leisure activities;
24 C. employment assistance;
25 D. community education, including training and
26 information relating to youth suicide prevention;

1 E. aftercare services; and

2 F. other specialized services;

3 (ii) subject to subsection (c)(2) of this section, provide the
4 services described in item (i) of this paragraph free of charge or at a rate that its board
5 of directors establishes, in consultation with the Department, that is based on the
6 client's family income; and

7 (iii) dispose of all information and records on each individual
8 receiving services from the youth services bureau 5 years after services to the
9 individual terminate.

10 (c) (1) A youth services bureau may retain any fees charged under
11 subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

12 (2) The fees authorized under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section do not
13 apply to youth referred to a youth services bureau by court order.

14 (d) (1) The Department shall:

15 (i) monitor the operations of each youth services bureau that
16 receives State funding;

17 (ii) evaluate annually the effectiveness of each youth services
18 bureau; and

19 (iii) discontinue funding a youth services bureau that is
20 ineffective or that, for 2 years, fails to meet the eligibility guidelines for State funding.

21 (2) The Department shall review and approve or disapprove an
22 application for State funding of a youth services bureau or proposed youth services
23 bureau.

24 (e) (1) (i) The State and the local government shall jointly fund an
25 eligible youth services bureau.

26 (ii) The State shall provide 75% of the funding for an eligible
27 youth services bureau, as provided in the State budget.

28 (2) At the times that the Department specifies, each eligible youth
29 services bureau shall submit a proposed annual budget to the Department for review
30 and approval.

1 (3) The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible youth
2 services bureaus and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.

3 (4) (i) The local governing body that provides the matching funds
4 for an eligible youth services bureau may choose to have the State funds for the youth
5 services bureau paid directly to its private sponsor or to the local governing body.

6 (ii) Before the State funds are paid, the fiscal officer of the local
7 government shall certify in writing the source of the matching funds provided by the
8 local government.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2007.