CHAPTER 278

(House Bill 576)

AN ACT concerning

Children, Youth, and Families - Local Coordinating Councils - Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of local coordinating councils for services to children with special needs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services Section 8–405 Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services Section 8–406(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Volume)

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

Article - Human Services

8-405.

There is a local coordinating council in each county.

8-406.

- (a) Each local coordinating council shall include:
 - (1) at least one representative from:
 - (i) the Department of Juvenile Services;
 - (ii) the Developmental Disabilities Administration;
 - (iii) the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration;

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- (iv) the Mental Hygiene Administration or the local core service agency;
 - (v) the local board of education;
 - (vi) the local health department;
 - (vii) the local department of social services; AND
 - (viii) [the local office of the division of rehabilitation services; and
 - (ix)] the local management board; and
- (2) a parent, parent advocate, or both, appointed by the chair of the local coordinating council in consultation with the child advocacy community: **AND**
- (3) A NONVOTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES TO REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.