

# HOUSE BILL 1245

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By: **Delegates Dumais, Eckardt, and Kullen**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Services – Closure of the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children’s Center**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Department of Juvenile Services to  
4 establish and operate the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children’s Center; requiring the  
5 Department to develop and implement a plan to close the Thomas J. S. Waxter  
6 Children’s Center by a certain date; providing for the effective dates of this Act;  
7 and generally relating to the closure of the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children’s  
8 Center.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 9–226  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 9–226.

18 (a) The Department may establish and operate the facilities that are  
19 necessary to properly diagnose, care for, train, educate, and rehabilitate children who  
20 need these services.

21 (b) The facilities described in subsection (a) of this section include:

22 (1) the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center;

23 (2) the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (3)    the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School;
- 2           (4)    the Cheltenham Youth Facility;
- 3           (5)    the J. DeWeese Carter Center;
- 4           (6)    the Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center;
- 5           (7)    [the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center;
- 6           (8)]    the Victor Cullen Center;
- 7           [(9)] (8)    the Western Maryland Children's Center; and
- 8           [(10)] (9)    the youth centers.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of  
10 Juvenile Services shall develop and implement a plan to close the Thomas J. S.  
11 Waxter Children's Center by July 1, 2011.

12           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
13 take effect July 1, 2011.

14           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
15 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.