

## Chapter 280

(Senate Bill 330)

AN ACT concerning

### Human Services – Quality Care – Juvenile Facilities

FOR the purpose of requiring each committed facility licensed by the Department of Juvenile Services to serve no more than 48 children at one time *except under certain circumstances*; and generally relating to juvenile facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 9–238.1(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

### Article – Human Services

9–238.1.

(a) The Department shall serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that:

- (1) ensures the safety of the community and the children served;
- (2) holds delinquent children accountable to victims and communities;
- (3) assists children to develop competencies to become successful members of society;
- (4) delivers services on a regional basis through at least four operational regions;
- (5) **(I)** ensures that [a] EACH committed facility owned ~~OR LICENSED~~ by the Department serves no more than 48 children at one time; and

**(II) ENSURES THAT EACH COMMITTED FACILITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT SERVES NO MORE THAN 48 CHILDREN AT ONE TIME, UNLESS THE SECRETARY FINDS GOOD CAUSE FOR A COMMITTED FACILITY**

**LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE MORE THAN 48 CHILDREN AT ONE TIME; AND**

(6) uses detention and committed facilities that are operationally separate from each other and that do not share common program space, including dining halls and educational or recreational facilities.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**