

SENATE BILL 912

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services – Juvenile Facilities – Reduction of Bed**
3 **Limit**

4 FOR the purpose of reducing the number of children that a committed facility owned
5 by the Department of Juvenile Services may serve at one time; and generally
6 relating to the Department of Juvenile Services and juvenile facilities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Human Services
9 Section 9–238.1(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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 9–238.1.

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

18 (1) ensures the safety of the community and the children served;

19 (2) holds delinquent children accountable to victims and communities;

20 (3) assists children to develop competencies to become successful
21 members of society;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) delivers services on a regional basis through at least four
2 operational regions;

3 (5) (i) ensures that each committed facility owned by the
4 Department serves no more than ~~[48]~~ **24** children at one time; and

5 (ii) ensures that each committed facility licensed by the
6 Department serves no more than 48 children at one time, unless the Secretary finds
7 good cause for a committed facility licensed by the Department to serve more than 48
8 children at one time; and

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

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2012.