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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Department of Planning~~ **Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and**
3 **Young Adult Count Demonstration Project**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and
5 Young Adult Count Demonstration Project; requiring the Department of
6 Planning Housing and Community Development to select and monitor a
7 coordinating entity to oversee the ~~Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth~~
8 ~~and Young Adult Count Demonstration~~ Project; establishing the purpose of the
9 Project; requiring the coordinating entity to be selected through a competitive
10 request for proposal or by sole source contract; requiring the coordinating entity
11 to determine the number and characteristics of unaccompanied homeless youth
12 and young adults in certain ~~jurisdictions~~ Continuums of Care using certain
13 methods; requiring the coordinating entity to assign each youth participant a
14 unique identifier; requiring the Department of Planning to provide certain
15 technical assistance; requiring the ~~Department~~ Departments to make every
16 effort to identify non-State sources of funding to fund the cost of the Project;
17 ~~providing for the termination of this Act~~; requiring the coordinating entity to
18 submit a certain report on or before a certain date; making this Act subject to a
19 certain contingency; and generally relating to the Unaccompanied Maryland
20 Homeless Youth and Young Adult Count Demonstration Project.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (a) ~~The Department of Planning shall select a coordinating entity to oversee~~
4 ~~the~~ There is a Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Young Adult Count
5 Demonstration Project.

6 (b) The purpose of the Project is to:

7 ~~(1)~~ conduct data collection and analysis to determine the number and
8 characteristics of unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults in each
9 jurisdiction; ~~and,~~

10 (c) (1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall
11 select and monitor a coordinating entity to oversee the Project.

12 (2) The coordinating entity shall be selected through a competitive
13 request for proposal or by sole source contract.

14 ~~(2) on or before September 30, 2016, submit a report to the General~~
15 ~~Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results~~
16 ~~of the Project.~~

17 ~~(e) The coordinating entity shall be selected through a competitive request~~
18 ~~for proposal or by sole source contract.~~

19 (d) The Project shall require the coordinating entity to determine the number
20 and characteristics of unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults in ~~the~~
21 ~~following jurisdictions:~~

22 ~~(1) Anne Arundel County;~~

23 ~~(2) Baltimore City; and~~

24 ~~(3) Wicomico County~~ at least the following Continuums of Care
25 established under Subtitle C of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
26 Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11381 through 11389:

27 (1) MD 501 – Baltimore City Continuum of Care;

28 (2) MD 503 – Annapolis/Anne Arundel County Continuum of Care;

29 (3) MD 505 – Baltimore County Continuum of Care;

30 (4) MD 512 – Hagerstown/Washington County Continuum of Care;

1 (5) MD 513 – Wicomico/Somerset/Worcester County Continuum of
2 Care; and

3 (6) MD 600 – Prince George’s County Continuum of Care.

4 (e) (1) To determine the number of unaccompanied homeless youth and
5 young adults in each jurisdiction, the coordinating entity, in partnership with
6 Continuums of Care and local communities, shall:

7 (i) utilize data on the number of homeless students in public
8 schools reported under the federal McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act;

9 (ii) conduct a street count of unaccompanied homeless youth
10 and young adults;

11 ~~(iii) survey service providers; and~~

12 (iii) conduct a service provider count of unaccompanied homeless
13 youth; and

14 (iv) conduct qualitative data collection, including conducting:

15 1. surveys;

16 2. focus groups; and

17 3. in–depth interviews.

18 (2) The coordinating entity shall work with local ~~jurisdictions~~
19 communities to tailor data collection methodology used under paragraph (1) of this
20 subsection, as appropriate.

21 (3) Any survey conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
22 include a uniform set of questions but may include additional questions if the
23 additional questions are agreed on by the local ~~jurisdictions~~ communities and the
24 coordinating entity.

25 (4) The methods of data collection described under paragraph (1) of
26 this subsection shall employ promising practices, including those identified through
27 the federal Youth Count! Pilot Project, including:

28 (i) employing youth outreach workers;

29 (ii) using magnet events; and

30 (iii) providing stipends to encourage participation.

1 (5) Data collection conducted under this subsection shall be conducted
 2 to coincide with the end of the K–12 school year and the reporting of data under the
 3 federal McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

4 (6) To protect the anonymity of youth participants and avoid
 5 duplication, the coordinating entity shall assign each youth participant a unique
 6 identifier that does not reveal the participant’s identity.

7 (f) The Department of Planning shall:

8 (1) assist with presurvey data collection consultation and mapping
 9 support;

10 (2) analyze and compile data after the survey is completed; and

11 (3) provide a technical review of draft reports.

12 ~~(g)~~ (g) The ~~Department~~ Departments shall make every effort to identify
 13 non–State sources of funding to fund the cost of the Project, including:

14 (1) applying for federal or university grants; and

15 (2) partnering with private entities to share the cost.

16 (h) On or before September 30, 2017, the coordinating entity shall submit a
 17 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government
 18 Article, on the results of the Project.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on
 20 the receipt of funding from non–State sources to select a coordinating entity to oversee
 21 the Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Young Adult Count
 22 Demonstration Project. The Department of Housing and Community Development
 23 shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after funding is
 24 received. If notice of the receipt of funding is not received by the Department of
 25 Legislative Services on or before June 30, 2018, this Act shall be null and void without
 26 the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
 28 of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2014. It shall remain
 29 effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2017, with no further
 30 action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
 31 force and effect.