

# HOUSE BILL 709

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Youth Services Bureaus – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain substance use disorder  
4 assessment and referral training be provided by a certain entity; repealing a  
5 requirement that youth services bureaus provide alternative leisure activities;  
6 repealing a requirement that the proposed budget of the Department of Human  
7 Services list eligible youth services bureaus and estimate the amount of State funds  
8 to allocate to each; requiring State matching funds for a youth services bureau to be  
9 paid directly to its private sponsor; requiring the Governor to include a certain  
10 amount of funding in the annual budget bill for youth services bureaus; providing for  
11 the allocation of certain funds in a certain manner; altering a certain definition;  
12 updating obsolete terminology; and generally relating to youth services bureaus.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Human Services  
15 Section 9–233  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Human Services**

21 9–233.

22 (a) In this section, “youth services bureau” means a community–based entity that  
23 is operated:

24 (1) to provide community–oriented delinquency prevention, youth suicide

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 prevention, drug and alcohol [abuse] **USE DISORDER** prevention, and youth development;

2 (2) to ameliorate conditions that contribute to delinquency, youth suicide,  
3 drug and alcohol [abuse] **USE DISORDER**, and family disruption; and

4 (3) to function as an advocate of youth needs.

5 (b) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations that set eligibility guidelines  
6 for State funding of youth services bureaus under this section.

7 (2) The regulations shall require that each youth services bureau that  
8 receives State funding:

9 (i) provide, at convenient hours:

10 1. individual, family, or group counseling;

11 2. referral and information services;

12 3. crisis intervention, including intervention relating to  
13 youth suicide prevention;

14 4. alcohol and drug [abuse] **USE DISORDER** assessment and  
15 referral services by staff who have received substance [abuse] **USE DISORDER** assessment  
16 and referral training [from the Office of Education and Training for Addiction Services  
17 (OETAS) in the Maryland Department of Health or from any other entity that the Secretary  
18 determines to be qualified to provide substance abuse assessment and referral training];

19 5. informal counseling; and

20 6. in accordance with the needs of the community and subject  
21 to the availability of funds:

22 A. tutoring;

23 B. [alternative leisure activities;

24 C.] employment assistance;

25 [D.] C. community education, including training and  
26 information relating to youth suicide prevention;

27 [E.] D. aftercare services; and

28 [F.] E. other specialized services;

1 (ii) subject to subsection (c)(2) of this section, provide the services  
2 described in item (i) of this paragraph free of charge or at a rate that its board of directors  
3 establishes, in consultation with the Department, that is based on the client's family  
4 income; and

5 (iii) dispose of all information and records on each individual  
6 receiving services from the youth services bureau 5 years after services to the individual  
7 terminate.

8 (c) (1) A youth services bureau may retain any fees charged under subsection  
9 (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

10 (2) The fees authorized under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section do not  
11 apply to youth referred to a youth services bureau by court order.

12 (d) (1) The Department shall:

13 (i) monitor the operations of each youth services bureau that  
14 receives State funding;

15 (ii) evaluate annually the effectiveness of each youth services  
16 bureau; and

17 (iii) discontinue funding a youth services bureau that is ineffective or  
18 that, for 2 years, fails to meet the eligibility guidelines for State funding.

19 (2) The Department shall review and approve or disapprove an application  
20 for State funding of a youth services bureau or proposed youth services bureau.

21 (e) (1) (i) The State and the local government shall jointly fund an eligible  
22 youth services bureau.

23 (ii) The State shall provide 75% of the funding for an eligible youth  
24 services bureau, as provided in the State budget.

25 (2) At the times that the Department specifies, each eligible youth services  
26 bureau shall submit a proposed annual budget to the Department for review and approval.

27 (3) [The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible youth  
28 services bureaus and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.

29 (4) (i) The local governing body that provides the matching funds for an  
30 eligible youth services bureau [may choose to have] **SHALL HAVE** the State funds for the  
31 youth services bureau paid directly to its private sponsor [or to the local governing body].

32 (ii) Before the State funds are paid, the fiscal officer of the local  
33 government shall certify in writing the source of the matching funds provided by the local

1 government.

2           **(F) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
3 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$1,800,000 IN THE**  
4 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL TO FUND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS THAT MEET THE**  
5 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

6           **(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
7 **PARAGRAPH, FROM THE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
8 **SUBSECTION, EACH YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST \$100,000**  
9 **EACH FISCAL YEAR.**

10           **(II) IF A YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU SERVES MORE THAN ONE**  
11 **LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST**  
12 **\$100,000 FOR EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS UNDER**  
13 **SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2020.