

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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By: **Senator Carter**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Division of Children and Youth – Student Truancy From School – Unit, Policies,**
3 **and Report**

4 FOR the purpose of encouraging the State Department of Education to add a section or unit
5 dedicated to addressing student truancy from school to further the purposes and
6 goals of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; requiring the Division of Children and
7 Youth in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to
8 develop certain strategies relating to student truancy from school; and generally
9 relating to student truancy from school.

10 WHEREAS, The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future has laid out a comprehensive plan
11 to improve education in the State; and

12 WHEREAS, It is crucial to address the issue of student truancy from school to ensure
13 that all children have equal opportunities to access high quality education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Division of Children and Youth in the Governor’s Office of Crime
15 Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services is a key unit in State government responsible for
16 overseeing policies and programs that impact the well-being of Maryland’s children; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That to further the
19 purposes and goals of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, a section or unit should be
20 added to the State Department of Education dedicated to addressing student truancy from
21 school; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Division of Children and Youth in the Governor’s Office of
23 Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services is directed to develop comprehensive
24 strategies, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to effectively address student
25 truancy from school in Maryland; and be it further



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1 RESOLVED, That the strategies developed by the Division of Children and Youth
2 shall encompass prevention, intervention, and support measures to ensure that every child
3 has access to a quality education in the State; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Division of Children and Youth shall submit a report, in
5 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly
6 regarding the strategies developed to address student truancy from school and any
7 proposed legislative changes, on or before January 1, 2026; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
9 Legislative Services to Jennifer Krabill, Director of the Division of Children and Youth in
10 the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable
13 William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Adrienne
14 A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.