

SENATE BILL 924

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By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Office of the Correctional Ombudsman – Juvenile Justice**
3 **Monitor – Appointment**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the Director of Juvenile Justice Monitoring is appointed
5 by the Correctional Ombudsman to serve a certain term; requiring the appointment
6 of the Director of Juvenile Justice Monitoring to be subject to the advice and consent
7 of the Senate under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Juvenile
8 Justice Monitoring Unit.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–4011(a) and (i)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–4013
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–4011.

23 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (i) “Unit” means the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 9-4013.

2 (a) The Unit shall include:

3 (1) a full-time Director of Juvenile Justice Monitoring; and

4 (2) staff, including juvenile justice monitors, as provided in the State
5 budget.

6 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
7 **FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MONITORING SHALL:**

8 **(I) BE APPOINTED BY THE CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN; AND**

9 **(II) SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS.**

10 **(2) IF THE CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN APPOINTS A FULL-TIME**
11 **DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MONITORING WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN**
12 **THAT ROLE, THE APPOINTMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT**
13 **OF THE SENATE.**

14 **[(b)] (C)** Salaries of the Director and juvenile justice monitors and expenses for
15 rent, equipment, supplies, and general operating expenses necessary for the work of the
16 Unit shall be as provided in the State budget.

17 **[(c)] (D)** In cooperation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, the
18 Correctional Ombudsman shall set minimum salaries, qualifications, and standards of
19 training and experience for positions with the Unit.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2025.