

## Chapter 576

**(House Bill 814)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Youth Service Bureaus**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to submit a report regarding youth service bureaus on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile Services and youth service bureaus.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 9–101(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Human Services  
Section 9–224  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

**Article – Human Services**

9–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Department” means the Department of Juvenile Services.

9–224.

**ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:**

**(1) EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE PREDELINQUENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS;**

**(2) EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT, USE, AND FUNDING OF YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS;**

**(3) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS; AND**

**(4) ANY OTHER EFFORTS TO PREVENT YOUTH OFFENSES.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.**