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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN FOR GIRLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2004) (a) The Department of  
2 Children and Families and the Court Support Services Division shall  
3 jointly develop and implement a juvenile justice plan for girls in order  
4 to enhance the continuum of care and services provided to girls in the  
5 juvenile justice system, including, but not limited to, the improvement  
6 of intensive crisis stabilization, assessment and treatment services.  
7 Pursuant to such plan, the Department of Children and Families and  
8 the Court Support Services Division shall provide a sufficient number  
9 of the following programs and services to meet the needs of girls in the  
10 juvenile justice system: (1) Multidimensional treatment foster care  
11 programs; (2) enhanced clinical staffing at girls' residential treatment  
12 centers; (3) short-term respite care beds; (4) community based,  
13 culturally competent and gender specific behavioral health services; (5)  
14 restorative justice programs; and (6) community service programs.

15 (b) The Department of Children and Families and the Court Support  
16 Services Division, in conjunction with a qualified and independent  
17 entity selected by the Commissioner of Children and Families and the

18 Chief Court Administrator, shall annually evaluate the quality and  
19 cost effectiveness of programs and services developed pursuant to this  
20 section. Not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the  
21 Commissioner of Children and Families and the Chief Court  
22 Administrator shall submit a report containing the findings of such  
23 evaluation to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a  
24 of the general statutes.

25 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the Judicial  
26 Department, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services,  
27 shall develop and implement mechanisms to maximize federal  
28 reimbursement and funding for programs and services developed  
29 pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*