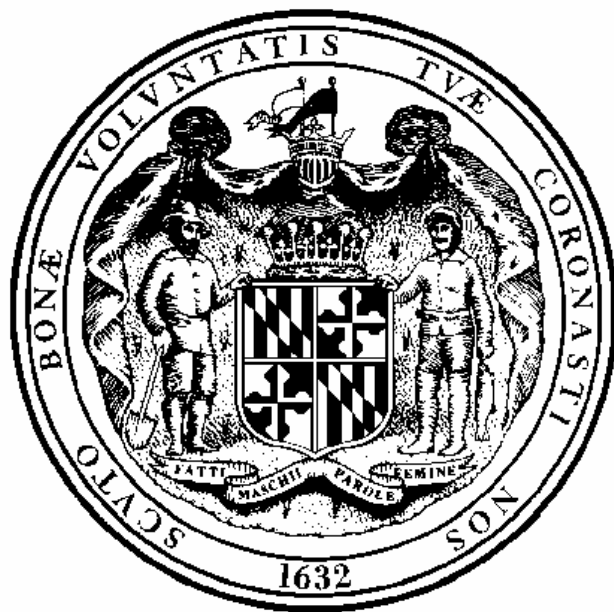


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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JANUARY 27, 2006

01.01.2006.01

Governor's Council on Family Violence Prevention

WHEREAS, Family violence is abusive behavior directed at a person with whom the abuser has had a domestic or an intimate personal relationship;

WHEREAS, Family violence cuts across all social, economic, and ethnic lines;

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has concluded that family violence is underreported by a factor greater than ten to one;

WHEREAS, Family violence has a profound and negative impact on all aspects of our society, with a national annual estimated cost to business in lost productivity between \$3 billion and \$5 billion;

WHEREAS, Violence in the home impacts all members of a household and has been shown to be coincident with child abuse as well as other forms of family violence. Studies demonstrate that 70% of males who abuse their female partners also abuse their children, resulting in children with a history of maltreatment or family violence who are 25% more likely to engage in antisocial behaviors and to suffer from mental illness;

WHEREAS, Over half of all women will experience physical violence in an intimate relationship, and approximately 25% of those women will be abused regularly; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to create an understanding of the scope and nature of family violence in the State, to provide accurate assessments of the needs of families affected by violence, to identify weaknesses in the various institutions intended to protect family members from violence, and to formulate and implement proposals for more effective responses by the social, legal, medical, and government systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Governor's Council on Family Violence Prevention within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.
- B. Membership.
 - (1) The Council shall have no more than 21 members, consisting of:
 - (a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or a designee;
 - (b) The Secretary of Human Resources or a designee;

- (c) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a designee;
 - (d) The Secretary of Juvenile Services or a designee;
 - (e) The State Superintendent of Schools or a designee;
 - (f) The Secretary of State Police or a designee;
 - (g) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention or a designee;
 - (h) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children or a designee;
 - (i) A representative of the Maryland Judiciary, designated by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
 - (j) Two members of the Maryland Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
 - (k) Two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Delegates; and
 - (l) Up to eight members with interest and expertise appointed by the Governor. These members may include representatives of service providers, the legal, advocacy, and faith communities, and victims and survivors of domestic or family violence.
 - (m) The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Council.
- (2) Members appointed by the Governor under Section B.(1)(l) serve at the will of the Governor, and shall serve 3-year terms, staggered upon initial appointment. All other members shall serve so long as they hold the office or designation stipulated in Section B.(1)(a) through (k).
 - (3) To the extent possible, the membership shall include representation from each of the major geographic regions of the State.
 - (4) Members of the Council may not receive any compensation for their services, but may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations and as provided in the State budget.
 - (5) If a member appointed by the Governor fails to attend more than half of the regularly scheduled meetings in 1 year, the member may be presumed to have resigned and the Governor may appoint a new member to fill out the remainder of the term.

C. Procedures.

- (1) The Council shall meet at least two times per year.
- (2) A majority of the Council's membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
- (3) The Council may adopt rules consistent with this Executive Order, including the creation of subcommittees to carry out the Council's responsibilities.
- (4) The Council may hold public hearings as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Chair.

D. Duties and Responsibilities. The Council shall:

- (1) Advise the Governor through the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention on matters related to family violence.
- (2) Identify and analyze State policies and programs relating to family violence, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Collecting data from State agencies relating to the prevention and reduction of domestic violence and related family violence;
 - (b) Identifying resources available to reduce and prevent family violence through a statewide coordinated effort; and
 - (c) Identifying opportunities for collaboration between governmental units.
- (3) Examine, or cause to be examined, the relationship between family violence and other societal problems, including but not limited to juvenile delinquency, alcohol and substance abuse, truancy, and future criminal activity.
- (4) Identify best practices, research, and information pertaining to abuser intervention and related programs.
- (5) Propose to the Governor, through the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, legislative, regulatory, and policy changes to reduce and prevent the incidence of domestic violence and related family violence, to protect victims, and to punish perpetrators.
- (6) Perform such other duties and functions as may be appropriate and necessary for the Council to address and implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

E. Staffing.

- (1) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Council.
 - (2) The Council may request and shall receive in a timely manner from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the State such information and assistance as necessary to enable it to properly carry out its powers pursuant to this Executive Order, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
 - (3) The Council shall be funded by operating budgets of the Executive Department, and any federal funds or special State funds available, unless otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.
- F. Reporting. The Council shall issue an annual report to the Governor by December 1 that provides the status of family violence in Maryland and recommends improvements to the State's activities to prevent family violence.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006

01.01.2006.02

Maryland Child Care Subsidy Coordinating Council

WHEREAS, Governor Ehrlich is committed to helping low-income families achieve economic stability and independence and helping children achieve lifelong success through quality education;

WHEREAS, Child care is central to these goals as a vital support for low-income parents to enter and remain in the workforce and thereby achieve and maintain economic independence, and as an opportunity to build the educational foundation that helps children enter school ready to learn;

WHEREAS, Maryland's Child Care Subsidy Program is a primary source of public child care support for low-income families and plays a vital role in assisting low-income families achieve economic stability and independence while also supporting the early education of children, thereby promoting school readiness and educational achievement;

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the principal State agency responsible for administering State and federal funds and programs to support low-income families in achieving economic independence, the Maryland State Department of Education is the principal State agency responsible for administering State and federal funds and programs to support children in achieving educational success, and the Governor's Office for Children is responsible for coordinating the policies, programs, and activities of the State to secure positive outcomes for Maryland's children; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Governor's Office for Children, by virtue of

their responsibilities, have a mutual duty to assure the successful operation of the Child Care Subsidy Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Established. There is a Maryland Child Care Subsidy Coordinating Council convening on a regular basis for the purpose of developing, evaluating, and coordinating the administration of all State child care subsidy or voucher programs, including the Child Care Subsidy Program (commonly known as the Purchase of Care program) which is within the Maryland State Department of Education.

- (1) Membership. The Council shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children;
 - (b) The following representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education:
 - (i) The State Superintendent of Schools;
 - (ii) The Director of the Office of Child Care;
 - (iii) The Assistant Superintendent for Finance; and
 - (iv) The Chief of the Office of Information Technology.
 - (c) The following representatives of the Department of Human Resources:
 - (i) The Secretary of Human Resources;
 - (ii) The Executive Director for Family Investment;
 - (iii) The Chief Financial Officer; and
 - (iv) The Chief Information Officer.
- (2) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children shall chair the Council and shall be responsible for the oversight, direction, and accountability of the work of the Council.
- (3) The Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Human Resources shall provide the primary staff support necessary for the completion of the Council's duties.
- (4) The Council shall consult with other State departments and agencies as needed and as appropriate. All Executive departments and agencies shall cooperate with this Council.

- (5) Appropriate funding for the implementation of this Executive Order shall be apportioned among the existing budgets of affected Executive departments and agencies.
 - (6) The Council shall meet at least once every calendar quarter.
 - (7) The Chair may establish subcommittees as needed to carry out the work of the Council.
- B. Purpose. The Council shall have the following objectives:
- (1) To develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and collaborative approach for the use of State and federal resources to assist low-income families to secure child care through the Child Care Subsidy Program;
 - (2) To ensure the State meets all standards and requirements associated with federal funds expended on, by, or through the Child Care Subsidy Program, including but not limited to universal engagement and work force participation rates of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program;
 - (3) To increase access by low-income families receiving child care subsidies to quality early care and education programs, thereby increasing the probability that their children are entering school ready to learn;
 - (4) To promote the ongoing viability of the Child Care Subsidy Program and thereby maintain access to the program for low-income families; and
 - (5) To ensure that the Child Care Subsidy Program continues to promote the transition of low-income families from public assistance to economic independence.
- C. Duties. The Council shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities in meeting its objectives:
- (1) Oversee and govern the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and practices for the operation of the Child Care Subsidy Program pursuant to the stated objectives of the Council;
 - (2) Oversee and govern the budget and fiscal management for the Child Care Subsidy Program, including establishing budget and funding priorities;
 - (3) Develop a Child Care Subsidy Program three-year improvement plan, which shall set benchmarks, identify resources and funding, and establish timelines for the improvement of the sustainability, accessibility, quality, and accountability of the Child Care Subsidy Program;

- (4) Perform a comprehensive evaluation to determine the enrollment patterns of young children from the Child Care Subsidy Program clients in other State and local programs; and
 - (5) Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Governor.
- D. Reports. The Council shall report to the Governor by October 1, 2006 and annually thereafter.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 24, 2006

01.01.2006.03

Governor's Office for Children – Children's Cabinet – Advisory Council for Children

(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2005.34)

WHEREAS, The Governor's Office for Children has met with local management boards, members of the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, advocates, parents, State agency representatives, members of the Children's Cabinet, and other individuals;

WHEREAS, The expansion of the Advisory Council for Children to include representation from all interested groups is recommended;

WHEREAS, It was determined that this recommendation serves the purpose of improving the Advisory Council's role and function of making recommendations for integrated children and family programs and coordinating State programs with those operated by local governments, Local Management Boards, and private groups; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to amend Executive Order 01.01.2005.34 to make this change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2005.34 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Definition. In this Executive Order, "Local Management Board" means an entity established by a local subdivision, consisting of members that include, but are not limited to, representatives from the Department of Juvenile Services, the local department of social services, the local health department, the Developmental Disabilities Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the local core services agency, which has been certified by the Chairperson of the Children's Cabinet.

- B. The Governor's Office for Children is hereby established as a separate agency within the Executive Department to provide a coordinated, comprehensive, interagency approach to the development of a continuum of care that is family- and child-oriented and that emphasizes prevention, early intervention, and community-based services for all children and families with special attention to at-risk populations.
- (1) The Office shall be managed by an Executive Director who shall be primarily responsible for developing and coordinating the delivery of interagency State government services to children and families. The Executive Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - (2) Staffing. The Governor's Office for Children shall be comprised of professional staff appointed by the Governor and by professional staff liaisons from State agencies.
 - (3) Duties. The Office shall:
 - (a) Inform and support the collective and specific work of the Children's Cabinet;
 - (b) Promote values, policies, and practices that continually advance the well-being of Maryland's children and families;
 - (c) Partner with Local Management Boards to plan, coordinate, and monitor the delivery of integrated services along the full continuum of care and oversee the use of Children's Cabinet Interagency funds in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Children's Cabinet; and
 - (d) Assist the Children's Cabinet in the allocation of any funds assigned to the Children's Cabinet for distribution as grants to any State agency, local government or organization, Local Management Board, or private organization.
 - (4) All State departments, agencies, commissions, and boards are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Governor's Office for Children in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.
 - (5) This Executive Order shall not be construed to alter existing authorities of any executive agency or department, or the designation of any agency to act for purposes of federal law, except that all executive departments and agencies are directed to assist the Governor's Office for Children in carrying out the purposes of this Executive Order.
 - (6) Reports. The Governor's Office for Children shall report to the Governor annually on the status of children in Maryland and the efforts to meet the policy goals of the State for services to children and families.

C. The Children's Cabinet is hereby established for the purpose of convening on a regular basis to develop and implement coordinated State policies to improve the health and welfare of children and families.

(1) Membership and Procedures.

(a) The Cabinet shall consist of:

- (i) The Secretary of Budget and Management;
- (ii) The Secretary of Disabilities;
- (iii) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (iv) The Secretary of Human Resources;
- (v) The Secretary of Juvenile Services;
- (vi) The State Superintendent of Schools; and
- (vii) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children, who shall serve as Chairperson and be responsible for the administration and operation of the Children's Cabinet.

(b) The Children's Cabinet shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, no less than six times per year.

(c) The Governor's Office for Children shall provide staff to the Children's Cabinet as necessary.

(2) Duties and Responsibilities. The Children's Cabinet shall:

- (a) Promote the vision of the State for a stable, safe, and healthy environment for children and families;
- (b) Provide a regular forum for State agencies responsible for implementing the vision of the State to meet and develop coordinated policy recommendations for the Governor;
- (c) Prepare and annually update a 3-year Plan establishing priorities and strategies for the coordinated delivery of State interagency services for children and families. The Plan should include best practices for implementation of systems of care that are child centered and family focused, based on individual strengths and needs, and focused on providing such services in the least restrictive setting. This Plan, and all updates, shall be coordinated with any other approved State plans relating to services for children and families; and
- (d) Establish a committee to perform the functions of the State Coordinating Council, as provided in State regulations.

- (3) Reports. The Children's Cabinet shall submit the State 3-year Plan for children and families to the Governor on or before October 1, 2006.
- D. The Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (the Fund) is hereby established to replace the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families Resource Fund.
- (1) The Fund consists of:
 - (a) Moneys appropriated, transferred, credited, or paid into the Fund from any source; and
 - (b) Federal grants or allocations accepted for the benefit of the Fund.
 - (2) Except as otherwise provided by law, at the end of each fiscal year, the unspent balance of the Fund shall revert to the general fund of the State.
 - (3) The Department of Education shall be the fiscal agent for the Fund.
 - (4) Expenditures from the Fund shall:
 - (a) Be made to local subdivisions that have Local Management Boards;
 - (b) Reflect the priorities set forth in the State 3-year Plan; and
 - (c) Be made by the Children's Cabinet in accordance with those priorities.
 - (5) The Children's Cabinet shall review and approve applications for grants from the Fund and ensure that all programs funded by the Fund are implemented in accordance with the State 3-year Plan and policies and procedures adopted in accordance with this Executive Order.
- E. The Advisory Council for Children is hereby established.
- (1) Membership and Procedures.
 - (a) The Advisory Council shall consist of [not more than 11 voting members appointed by the Governor from among the geographic regions of the State.] UP TO 15 VOTING MEMBERS INCLUDING:
 - (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON;
 - (II) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, OR DESIGNEE;

- (III) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR DESIGNEE;
 - (IV) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE;
 - (V) THE DIRECTOR OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
 - (VI) THE SENATE AND HOUSE COCHAIRS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE RESPECTIVE PRESIDING OFFICERS; AND
 - (VII) UP TO 8 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, A PARENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH INTEREST, KNOWLEDGE, OR EXPERTISE IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES.
- [(b) The voting members of the Advisory Council may include representatives of organizations of parents, nonprofit organizations with interest in Maryland children and family issues, local organizations, and individuals who may have interest or expertise in Statewide and community-based education, health care, or other child and family services.
- (c) At least one member shall be a parent of a disabled child with intensive needs.
- (d) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Council.]
- [(e) (B) With the consent of the Advisory Council, the Chairperson may designate additional individuals, including interested citizens, elected officials, educators, or specialists with relevant experience to serve as nonvoting members of any subcommittee or workgroup of the Advisory Council.
- [(f) (C) The members of the Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- [(g) (D) [The term of a member is 3 years, which shall be staggered from initial appointment.] MEMBERS SERVING UNDER E(1)(A)(I) THROUGH (VI) SHALL SERVE SO LONG AS THEY HOLD THE OFFICE OF DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER. MEMBERS

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER E(1)(A)(VII) SHALL SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE FOR STAGGERED, 3-YEAR TERMS AND MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

- [(h)] A member of the Advisory Council may be reappointed, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.]
 - [(i)] (E) Members of the Advisory Council may not receive any compensation for services, but may receive reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations and as provided in the State budget.
 - [(j)] (F) The Advisory Council shall meet at least six times per year.
 - [(k)] (G) A majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Advisory Council may adopt such other procedures, including the creation of subcommittees or work groups, as may be necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.
- (2) Duties and Responsibilities. The Advisory Council shall make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet on methods for meeting the policy and program goals of the State for integrated children and family programs and coordinating State programs with those operated by local governments, Local Management Boards, and private groups.
- F. Local Coordinating Councils are hereby established in Baltimore City and each county in the State. The Councils shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Children's Cabinet or by regulation.
- (1) Membership. Each Local Coordinating Council shall consist of a representative from:
 - (a) The Department of Juvenile Services;
 - (b) The Developmental Disabilities Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
 - (c) The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
 - (d) The local health department;
 - (e) The local department of social services;

- (f) The local office of the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Education;
 - (g) The local management board for the subdivision;
 - (h) The local Core Service Agency, as designated under Title 10, Subtitle 12 of the Health – General Article; and
 - (i) A parent, parent advocate, or both, appointed by the Chairperson of the Local Coordinating Council.
- (2) An individual recommended by the local Board of Education may be appointed by the Chairperson.
 - (3) The Local Coordinating Council shall select a Chairperson from among its members.
 - (4) Local Coordinating Councils shall be part of the Local Management Boards for administrative, staffing, and budgetary purposes, but shall be independent of the Local Management Board in their review and recommendations regarding individual plans of care.
- G. (1) The agencies of the Children’s Cabinet shall establish regulations as necessary to implement this Executive Order.
- (2) Each agency of the Children’s Cabinet shall take immediate measures to adopt the provisions of COMAR Title 1, Subtitle 4 as its agency’s regulations, to the extent practicable.
- H. Except as otherwise provided by law or this Executive Order, all existing policies and procedures, contracts, property, and other duties and responsibilities associated with the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families and the Governor’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families shall continue in effect under the Children’s Cabinet and the Governor’s Office for Children, respectively, unless completed, withdrawn, cancelled, or modified or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAY 26, 2006

01.01.2006.04

Baltimore Red Line Community Advisory Council

WHEREAS, The Red Line transit project is one of the State’s top transportation priorities for the Baltimore Metropolitan region;

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has already invested \$11.4 million in project planning, leading to approval of eligibility for federal funding for the project;

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has set aside over \$200 million in the six–year

Consolidated Transportation Plan to complete the planning and engineering phases of the Red Line project;

WHEREAS, The communities and business situated in the Red Line transit corridor have an important advisory role to play as this project is advanced through the planning and environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, It is important that community input be received in a timely and efficient manner in order to keep the project on schedule and meet the targeted construction date of 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Baltimore Red Line Community Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as "Council."
- B. Membership.
 - (1) The Council shall consist of up to 15 members appointed by the Governor. The members may include residents, business owners and employees, service providers, and other individuals and organizations with interest in the Red Line corridor.
 - (2) The members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - (3) From among the Council members, the Governor shall designate a Chair.
 - (4) Members of the Council may not receive any compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.
- C. Procedures.
 - (1) The Council shall meet as necessary, but at least two times per year.
 - (2) A majority of the Council's membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
 - (3) The Council may adopt rules consistent with this Executive Order, including the creation of subcommittees to carry out the Council's responsibilities.
 - (4) The Council may hold public hearings as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Chair.
- D. Duties. The Council shall:

- (1) Provide advice to the Maryland Transit Administration on potential neighborhood impacts resulting from the Red Line project;
 - (2) Provide input to the Maryland Transit Administration as the Red Line project advances through the planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases; and
 - (3) Review economic development opportunities associated with the Red Line project.
- E. Staffing for the Council shall be provided by the Maryland Transit Administration.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JUNE 12, 2006

01.01.2006.05

Proclamation Convening the General Assembly of Maryland in Extraordinary
Session at Annapolis, Maryland on Wednesday, June 14, 2006

WHEREAS, The 1999 electric utility deregulation law enacted by the Maryland General Assembly has led to unacceptable electric rate increases for many Marylanders and has failed to attract meaningful competition to Maryland's residential market;

WHEREAS, A lawsuit filed by the City of Baltimore nullified a rate stabilization plan that would have limited rate increases and benefited working families;

WHEREAS, The higher costs of electricity – and the mitigation plan adopted in the wake of the City's lawsuit – will confront Baltimore Gas & Electric residential customers in approximately three weeks, causing undue financial hardship for many Marylanders;

WHEREAS, The House of Delegates overwhelmingly adopted the bipartisan legislation negotiated by the Governor, Speaker, and Senate President to provide meaningful electric rate mitigation for utility customers, although the Senate failed to enact that comprehensive resolution of the problem before adjourning on April 11;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly should pass an electric rate relief plan that provides bona fide, meaningful assistance to customers without jeopardizing the service and reliability of our electricity supplies;

WHEREAS, Immediate action is necessary to recoup customer benefits lost as a result of the City's lawsuit;

WHEREAS, Protection of Maryland's families and children from sexual predators is one of the highest duties of the State;

WHEREAS, The current State sexual offender laws are in need of revision to increase registration requirements and supervision of sexual offenders as well as

enhance punishment for sexual offenses committed against our young children;

WHEREAS, The 2006 regular session of the General Assembly failed to enact any legislation to crack down on child sexual offenders and other sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's families and children should not have to wait until the 2007 regular session of the General Assembly for stricter laws that would address the risks created by these offenders;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 16 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND CONVENE A SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND TO COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006 IN THE STATE CAPITAL IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING LEGISLATION TO MITIGATE THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY RATES AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT MARYLAND'S FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JUNE 29, 2006

01.01.2006.06

Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture

WHEREAS, Agriculture remains a vitally important part of Maryland's economy, history, and culture;

WHEREAS, Multiple State and local agencies and other organizations have an interest in, and exert influence upon the economic viability of agriculture within the State; and

WHEREAS, On-going open communication and collaboration among State and local agencies and industry organizations is essential to foster a business-friendly climate for agricultural profitability within the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture.
- B. Membership.
 - (1) Voting Members. The Commission shall consist of up to nineteen voting members, including:

- (a) Chairperson. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or a designee shall serve as Chair;
 - (b) Organizational Representatives. The following organizational representatives shall be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. An individual appointed under this subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, concurrent with their term of office with the specified organization, or so long as they hold the specified organizational affiliation.
 - (i) A representative of the Maryland Agricultural Commission;
 - (ii) A representative of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource Based Industry Development Corporation;
 - (iii) A representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
 - (iv) A representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
 - (v) A representative of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers;
 - (vi) A representative of the Maryland Association of County Planning Officers;
 - (vii) A representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau; and
 - (viii) A representative of the Rural Maryland Council.
 - (c) General Public. Up to ten members of the public with interest or expertise in agriculture appointed by the Governor on recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture. An individual appointed under this subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (2) Nonvoting Members. The following may serve, or may be represented by a designee in an advisory, nonvoting capacity:
- (a) The Secretary of the Department of Planning;
 - (b) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
 - (c) The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources;
 - (d) The Secretary of the Department of the Environment;
 - (e) The Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development; and

- (f) The Dean of the University of Maryland School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

C. Staffing.

- (1) The Department of Agriculture shall provide primary staff support and resources to the Commission, with additional assistance as needed being furnished by other State agencies named in this Executive Order.
- (2) The Governor shall designate a person from his office to assist in the implementation of this Executive Order.

D. Procedures.

- (1) The Commission shall meet at least twice annually.
- (2) The Chair may establish procedures necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business, including the creation of subcommittees.
- (3) Members of the Commission may not receive any compensation for their services. Public members of the Commission may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.

E. Duties and Responsibilities.

- (1) General. The Commission shall work to promote the economic profitability of agriculture in the State by ensuring that all appropriate State agencies work in a cooperative, coordinated manner with local government and industry groups in planning, implementing, overseeing, and evaluating intergovernmental initiatives related to the agricultural affairs of the State.
- (2) Specific. The Commission shall:
 - (a) Promote a clear and consistent “business–friendly” climate for agriculture in the State by serving as a liaison between the Governor and local governments and industry organizations;
 - (b) Develop an annual, coordinated intergovernmental plan for services and functions dealing with the agricultural affairs of the State;
 - (c) Develop procedures for identifying and assessing agricultural developments with a potential for impact on the State and on local governments;
 - (d) Develop and implement a consistent, systematic method for the coordination of the State’s agricultural economic development activities;

- (e) Develop and implement specific and measurable actions to improve the economic and regulatory climate for agriculture in the State;
 - (f) Make recommendations for programs and policies, if appropriate, in order to ensure that the needs and goals of the State's agricultural strategy are met and accomplished;
 - (g) Undertake the establishment of an "agricultural affairs information center" that serves as the first point of contact regarding agricultural issues impacting farmers in the State; and
 - (h) Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Governor.
- F. Reporting. The Commission shall report to the Governor by October 1 of each year with recommendations to support a coordinated State agricultural strategy.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JULY 10, 2006

01.01.2006.07

Maryland Dairy Industry Oversight and Advisory Council

WHEREAS, The dairy industry remains a vitally important part of Maryland's economy, history, and culture;

WHEREAS, The dairy industry faces significant economic, environmental, and societal challenges to its prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The Dairy Regulatory Review Committee created by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Mental Hygiene in 2005 recommended the establishment of a dairy industry oversight and advisory council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Maryland Dairy Industry Oversight and Advisory Council.
- B. Membership. The membership of the Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following:
 - (1) Voting Members.

- (a) The Council shall consist of up to 15 voting members with interest and expertise in the dairy industry who are appointed by the Governor.
 - (b) The members of the Council serve at the pleasure of the Governor for up to 2 consecutive 3-year terms.
 - (c) From among the voting members of the Council, the Governor shall designate a Chairperson.
- (2) Non-Voting Members. The following may serve in an advisory, non-voting capacity:
- (a) One member of the Senate, appointed by President of the Senate;
 - (b) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (c) One representative of the Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Secretary;
 - (d) One representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary;
 - (e) One local health officer who is a member of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and
 - (f) One representative of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, appointed by the Dean of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- C. Staffing. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall jointly provide staff support and resources to the Council, with additional assistance from other State agencies as requested.
- D. Procedures.
- (1) The Council shall meet at least four times annually.
 - (2) A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business before the Commission.
 - (3) The Chairperson may establish committees and subcommittees and include representatives of interested public and private organizations on committees and subcommittees.

- (4) Members of the Council may not receive any compensation for their services. Voting members of the Council may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.

E. Duties and Responsibilities.

- (1) General. The Council shall investigate and identify ways to improve the economic viability of the dairy industry in Maryland.
- (2) Specific. The Council shall:
 - (a) Develop strategies for sustaining Maryland's dairy industry;
 - (b) Evaluate and review the regulatory structure of the dairy industry;
 - (c) Review and comment on federal and State regulatory changes impacting the dairy industry;
 - (d) Identify and comment on quality assurance controls in the dairy industry;
 - (e) Identify barriers to profitability in the dairy industry;
 - (f) Identify technological changes affecting the dairy industry;
 - (g) Encourage and facilitate collaboration among the State agencies responsible for regulating the dairy industry; and
 - (h) Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Governor.

- F. Reporting. The Council shall report to the Governor by October 1 of each year with recommendations to support a coordinated State strategy for the dairy industry.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

01.01.2006.08

Maryland State Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee

WHEREAS, Flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges for which people have little or no immunity, and for which there is no vaccine. The disease spreads easily person-to-person, causes serious illness, and can sweep across the country and around the world in a very short time;

WHEREAS, Health professionals and others are concerned about the continued spread of the highly infectious avian H5N1 virus and the potential for a pandemic influenza outbreak;

WHEREAS, A severe pandemic influenza outbreak would adversely affect the daily and long-term activities of the State of Maryland and its residents, including health care, human resources, public safety, education, and essential services;

WHEREAS, Comprehensive preparedness for the potential of a severe pandemic influenza requires communication, planning, coordination, and preparation by all levels of government, the health care community, residents, and other stakeholders to assure the maximum protection possible;

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services, along with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, recommend the creation of a Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee to address the need for the impacts of a pandemic;

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control has awarded \$1.8 million to the State of Maryland to develop, implement, execute, and evaluate a Strategic and Operational Plan which, to date, has been coordinated by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

WHEREAS, The Health and Medical Committee of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council recognizes the need for broad and comprehensive coordination in planning and responding to a pandemic influenza outbreak; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee to be appointed which has the mandate and representation necessary to oversee and develop plans and strategies at the State level, and promote proper collaboration, preparation, and coordination by State programs, with the federal government, local governments, and the private sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Maryland Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, hereinafter "the Committee."
- B. Purpose. The Committee shall have the following objectives:
 - (1) To advise the State on articulating strategic priorities and overseeing the development and execution of an operational influenza pandemic plan to assure that planning is progressing, integrated, and coordinated, and involves all relevant stakeholders across the State; and
 - (2) To develop a comprehensive and collaborative approach to assist State, local, and private entities in overall preparedness for a potential influenza pandemic.
- C. Membership.

- (1) The Committee shall be comprised of up to 23 members, including:
 - (a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a designee, who will also serve as Chair;
 - (b) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or a designee;
 - (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, or a designee;
 - (d) The Secretary of Human Resources, or a designee;
 - (e) The Secretary of Budget and Management, or a designee;
 - (f) The Secretary of Aging, or a designee;
 - (g) The Secretary of Disabilities, or a designee;
 - (h) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or a designee;
 - (i) The State Superintendent of Schools, or a designee;
 - (j) The Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, or a designee;
 - (k) The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, or a designee;
 - (l) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives;
 - (m) The Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;
 - (n) The Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; and
 - (o) The following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) A representative from the University of Maryland Medical Center;
 - (ii) A representative from Johns Hopkins Hospital;
 - (iii) A representative from the Maryland Association of Local Health Officers;
 - (iv) A representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;
 - (v) A representative from a Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross;
 - (vi) A representative from the Maryland Hospital Association;

- (vii) A representative from the Maryland business community;
and
 - (viii) Up to two citizens who have an interest or expertise in
pandemic influenza.
- (2) Members holding positions on the Committee under the provisions of
Section C(1)(a) through (n) shall serve so long as they hold the
specified office or designation. All other members of the Committee
shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- D. Staffing. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will provide
primary staff support for the Committee.
- E. Procedures. The following procedures apply to the Committee:
 - (1) Members of the Committee may not receive any compensation for
their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the
Standard State Travel Regulations and as provided in the State
budget;
 - (2) A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum
for the transaction of any business;
 - (3) The Committee may adopt such other procedures as may be
necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business, including the
creation of committees or task forces;
 - (4) The Chairperson may designate additional individuals, including
interested citizens, elected officials, educators, or specialists with
relevant expertise to serve on any committee or task force;
 - (5) The Committee may consult with State agencies to obtain such
technical assistance and advice as it deems necessary to complete its
duties. All Executive Department agencies shall cooperate with the
Committee; and
 - (6) The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.
- F. Duties. The Committee shall carry out the following duties and
responsibilities in meeting its objectives:
 - (1) Identify, develop, and recommend the implementation of
comprehensive systemic preparation services in the State;
 - (2) Coordinate with State and local government, private entities, and the
Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council;
 - (3) Meet regularly or until the objectives determined in the Strategic and
Operational Plan are accomplished;

- (4) Appoint a Task Force and subcommittee as necessary to keep current the State plan;
- (5) Assure compliance with deliverables of the State's Pandemic Influenza Plan to seek funds from all appropriate sources for appropriate initiatives; and
- (6) Receive, review, and serve as a repository for studies and evaluations of State and local programs and other relevant materials and make such information available to State and local agencies.

G. Reports.

- (1) The Committee shall provide an interim report to the Governor on its progress no later than December 31, 2006.
- (2) The Committee shall thereafter report annually to the Governor.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

01.01.2006.09

State Coordinating Committee for Human Services Transportation

(Rescinds Executive Order 01.01.1997.06)

WHEREAS, Changes in American society, such as welfare reform, healthcare reform, the growing population of senior citizens, and the Americans With Disabilities Act will increase the demand for transportation alternatives in the 21st century, and Maryland must recognize these needs and be prepared to meet them;

WHEREAS, The Federal Transit Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services convened a meeting in Philadelphia in November 1995 to bring together state transportation and human services specialists with federal officials to exchange information on this issue;

WHEREAS, Following the Philadelphia meeting, Maryland formed an Ad Hoc Committee for Human Services Transportation, providing a framework for State and local officials to examine the transportation needs of special populations, exchange information, and begin strategic planning to promote strategies to ensure the coordination of human services transportation services;

WHEREAS, As part of its report, the Ad Hoc Committee for Human Services Transportation recommended that the Governor establish an ongoing coordinating committee to identify needs and develop strategies to ensure the coordination of human services transportation within the State; and

WHEREAS, To assist in the overall coordination of human services transportation on the federal level, President George W. Bush signed his Executive Order on Human Services Transportation Coordination dated February 24, 2004, which

outlines the necessity for a seamless coordination of all transportation services for individuals who are transportation–disadvantaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1997.06 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Established. There is a State Coordinating Committee for Human Services Transportation.

B. Definitions. As used in this Executive Order, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) The term “agency” means an executive department, agency or office of the State of Maryland.

(2) The term “transportation–disadvantaged” means a person who qualifies for federally conducted or federally assisted transportation–related programs or services, as implemented and coordinated by a Maryland State agency, due to disability, income, or advanced age. This term is directly connected with the definition provided in the Presidential Executive Order on Human Services Transportation Coordination dated February 24, 2004 and mirrors any subsequent federal interpretation of the definition.

C. Membership and Procedures.

(1) The Committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) The Secretary of Transportation, or a designee, who shall Chair the Committee;

(b) The Secretary of Human Resources, or a designee;

(c) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a designee;

(d) The Secretary of Aging, or a designee;

(e) The Secretary of the Department of Disabilities, or a designee;

(f) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or a designee;

(g) The Secretary of Planning, or a designee;

(h) The State Superintendent of Schools, or a designee;

(i) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or a designee;

(j) The Director of the Governor’s Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, or a designee; and

- (k) Additional members recommended to the Governor by the Chairperson of the Committee as needed to provide input from local governments, employers, agencies and organizations serving targeted populations, transportation providers, and consumers from targeted populations.
 - (2) The members of the Committee named in C(1)(a) through (j) shall serve so long as they hold the office or designation specified in this Executive Order. All other members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - (3) The members of the Committee may not receive any compensation for their services. The members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations and as provided in the State budget.
 - (4) Staff for the Committee will be provided by the Department of Transportation.
- D. Scope of the Committee. The Committee shall:
- (1) Examine the transportation needs of citizens who are elderly, who have disabilities, and individuals requiring transportation to access jobs, medical and health appointments, senior citizens programs and other programs requiring the transportation of individuals who qualify as transportation-disadvantaged;
 - (2) Coordinate Maryland's efforts to provide quality human services transportation services by working with appropriate federal, State and local agencies, transit customers and transportation providers to develop a cooperative, coordinated, and human services transportation system;
 - (3) Devise a five-year human services transportation plan, which sets goals and objectives to help transportation-disadvantaged citizens access jobs, education and training programs, healthcare services and other activities by providing cost-effective, affordable, high capacity, high quality, easily understood, safe and accessible transportation; and
 - (4) Serve as the clearinghouse for human services transportation coordination issues throughout the State of Maryland, identify and facilitate a resolution to local and statewide issues regarding human services transportation, participate in the identification of possible allocations of human services transportation resources during emergency evacuations, evaluate cost-saving measures, investigate the need for the establishment of standards for vehicles and drivers

within the human services transportation program, and examine other appropriate areas that facilitate the development of a quality human services transportation system in Maryland.

- E. Reports to the Governor. The Committee shall provide an annual report to the Governor by September 1st of each year outlining its progress.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF OCTOBER 30, 2006

01.01.2006.10

The Maryland Youth Council

WHEREAS, It is the goal of my Administration to ensure that all Maryland's children are successful in life;

WHEREAS, To reach this goal, there must be a commitment to youth-centered public policies and programs designed to ensure all Maryland youth have access to support services that meet their needs and builds on their aspirations to be fully prepared for work, education and life skills;

WHEREAS, In order to implement this policy, it is essential that young people are given the power to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change for themselves, their families and their communities;

WHEREAS, The programs, policies, and budgets of Maryland's child serving agencies are coordinated through the Children's Cabinet to ensure effective, efficient, and comprehensive delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a Youth Council comprised of youth representatives from across the State to act as a statewide advisory group to the Children's Cabinet, enabling state administrators to create and refine youth policies with the benefit of feedback and recommendations of the population they are designed to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. The Maryland Youth Council is hereby established to encourage young people throughout the State of Maryland to consider and discuss how government, working with its public and private-sector partners to develop possible solutions for presentation to the Children's Cabinet and, thereby, achieve better outcomes for youth.
- B. Membership.

- (1) The Youth Council will consist of up to 24 youths, ages 13 to 19, selected by the Executive Director of the Office for Children with concurrence of the Governor. A Chairperson shall be selected in a similar manner from among the members of the Council.
- (2) To the extent possible, the Youth Council members will be selected from each jurisdiction of the State from established public and private youth councils and youth empowerment organizations in Maryland, including, but not limited to, youth in service learning and leadership programs, teen court programs, foster care, student councils, juvenile service, and transitional programs.
- (3) Youth Council members will serve terms of 2 years, or until they have reached the age of 20, whichever shall first occur. The terms of the members shall be staggered from initial appointment commencing July 1 of the year this Executive Order takes effect.

C. Procedures.

- (1) The Youth Council will meet four times a year for the purpose of improving youth outcomes.
- (2) A majority of the Youth Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
- (3) The last meeting of each year will be to present recommendations to the Children's Cabinet and the Governor.
- (4) The Chair of the Youth Council will assign a representative to attend meetings of the Advisory Council for Children.
- (5) Members of the Youth Council may not receive any compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.

D. Duties. The Youth Council shall have the following duties:

- (1) Make recommendations for the Three-Year Children's Plan to the Governor;
- (2) Participate in local youth activities or organizations and advise local officials and community leaders on youth issues;
- (3) Collect information from other youth groups in order to inform the Youth Council; and
- (4) Meet on a statewide level four times a year to discuss youth issues and develop their recommendations.

- E. Staffing. The Governor's Office for Children will provide staff to the Youth Council and will:
- (1) Identify the existing youth councils in Maryland;
 - (2) Work with those existing councils to select representatives for the Maryland Youth Council;
 - (3) Ensure that youth selected from those existing councils provide a broad representation on the Youth Council of all jurisdictions and populations;
 - (4) Organize four Youth Council meetings a year;
 - (5) Attend Advisory Council meetings with the Youth Council representative;
 - (6) Assist the Youth Council in preparing recommendations to the Children's Cabinet and the Governor;
 - (7) Act as a liaison between the Youth Council and the Governor's Office for Children.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF DECEMBER 7, 2006

01.01.2006.11

Maryland Forensic Sciences Advisory Board

(Rescinds Executive Order 01.01.2000.04)

WHEREAS, Forensic science can be defined as the application of science to the law;

WHEREAS, In criminal cases, forensic science involves the examination of physical evidence related to the commission, or suspected commission, of a crime;

WHEREAS, The successful investigation and prosecution of many crimes require the collection, preservation, and forensic analysis of evidence and such analysis is often crucial to determinations of guilt or innocence;

WHEREAS, The public crime laboratories of Maryland, consisting of the Maryland State Police and local police agencies, perform this important work in thousands of criminal cases each year and there is a need to provide assistance to these separate agencies;

WHEREAS, The Maryland Statewide Forensic Sciences Task Force, pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2000.04, issued a report that recommended the establishment of a continuing statewide advisory board to promote collaboration in the field of forensic sciences;

WHEREAS, The Task Force report identified responsibilities for statewide oversight to ensure that forensic sciences are conducted in Maryland under the highest

quality control procedures using the most modern equipment and technology available and that Maryland's laboratories pursue and maintain accreditation with the appropriate board or organization and be provided with available technical and financial assistance in that process;

WHEREAS, The Task Force report also addressed issues of employee retention and the need for the crime laboratories in the State to work cooperatively to promote compensation levels and training opportunities that attract and keep the most qualified employees who perform their work in accordance with the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a State Forensic Sciences Advisory Board to promote collaboration and cooperation among all the crime laboratories in the State to accomplish these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2000.04 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. There is a Maryland State Forensic Sciences Advisory Board.
- B. Membership. The Board shall consist of up to 15 voting members, including:
 - (1) The Secretary of the Department of State Police, or a designee;
 - (2) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, or a designee;
 - (3) The Director of the Forensic Sciences Division of the Maryland State Police, or a designee;
 - (4) The State Chief Medical Examiner, or a designee;
 - (5) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, or a designee;
 - (6) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Baltimore City Police Department, or a designee;
 - (7) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Baltimore County Police Department, or a designee;
 - (8) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Montgomery County Police Department, or a designee;
 - (9) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Prince George's County Police Department, or a designee;

- (10) The Director of the Crime Laboratory of the Police Department of the City of Hagerstown, or a designee; and
- (11) Up to five members with relevant interest or expertise appointed by the Governor and who serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

C. Procedures.

- (1) The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the Board.
- (2) Members of the Board may not receive any compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.
- (3) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Board may adopt such other procedures as may be necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business, including the creation of committees or task forces. The Chair may, with the consent of the Board, designate additional individuals with relevant experience or expertise to serve as nonvoting members of any committee or task force.
- (4) The Board shall meet at least three times per year at such times and places as the Chair shall designate.

D. Duties. The Board shall have the following duties:

- (1) To review the recommendations of the Maryland Statewide Forensic Sciences Task Force and make such modifications as the Board determines are necessary in light of changes in circumstances, technology, standards, or other factors the Board deems appropriate;
- (2) To recommend to the Governor the method or process by which the State may assist in the implementation of those recommendations, any modifications thereto, and any additional improvements in the forensic services provided by crime laboratories in the State;
- (3) To promote collaboration and coordination among its members in obtaining and maintaining accreditation with the appropriate board or organization;
- (4) To promote cooperation among its members for employee retention and in determining adequate compensation levels for the various positions within these laboratories that will attract and keep the most qualified employees in Maryland;
- (5) To identify training opportunities that will enhance the professional capabilities of laboratory employees and develop methods to encourage and reward participation in such training;

- (6) To assist crime laboratories in obtaining the most modern technology that will improve efficiency, track evidence, manage custody of evidence, organize analytical data, and create reports necessary for court proceedings;
 - (7) To coordinate efforts by its members to seek technical and financial assistance from all appropriate sources in implementing the recommendations of the Board;
 - (8) To recommend the adoption and implementation of a Code of Ethics for employees of all crime laboratories in the State that will ensure that the highest level of integrity and professional standards are maintained in the performance of forensic sciences services;
 - (9) To increase collaboration and cooperation among all the crime laboratories in the State in order to ensure that all forensic services are conducted under the highest quality control procedures using the most modern technology; and
 - (10) To promote the general improvement of forensic sciences in Maryland.
- E. Staffing. The Maryland State Police and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall designate and provide primary staff support for the Board.
- F. Reports. The Board shall issue an annual report to the Governor on June 30 of each calendar year detailing its activities and making recommendations in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

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- D -

Dairy Products SEE Milk Products

Day Care SEE Child Care

Disabilities --

Human Services Transportation, State Coordinating Committee for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.09	25
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Disabled Persons SEE Disabilities

Disasters SEE Emergencies

Diseases --

Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, Maryland, established; reports required	01.01.2006.08	21
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Domestic Violence --

Family Violence Prevention, Governor's Council on, established within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; annual report required	01.01.2006.01	1
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- E -

Elderly Persons --

Human Services Transportation, State Coordinating Committee for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.09	25
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Electric Companies SEE Utilities

Emergencies --

Human Services Transportation, State Coordinating Committee for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.09	25
Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, Maryland, established; reports required	01.01.2006.08	21

Evidence --

Forensic Sciences Advisory Board, Maryland State, established and annual report required; Forensic Sciences Task Force, provisions rescinded	01.01.2006.11	30
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- F -

Family Law --

Children, Advisory Council for, membership and term of office of members, provisions altered	01.01.2006.03	7
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Farmers SEE Agriculture

- G -

General Assembly --

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- H -

Handicapped Persons SEE Disabilities

Health --

Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, Maryland, established; reports required	01.01.2006.08	21
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House of Delegates SEE General Assembly

- L -

Laboratories --

Forensic Sciences Advisory Board, Maryland State, established and annual report required; Forensic Sciences Task Force, provisions rescinded	01.01.2006.11	30
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Legislature SEE General Assembly

Light Rail SEE Mass Transit

- M -

Mass Transit --

Baltimore Red Line Community Advisory Council, established	01.01.2006.04	13
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Metro SEE Mass Transit

Milk Products --

Dairy Industry Oversight and Advisory Council, Maryland, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.07	19
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Minors --

Children, Advisory Council for, membership and term of office of members, provisions altered	01.01.2006.03	7
Youth Council, Maryland, established	01.01.2006.10	28

- P -

Parent and Child SEE Family Law

Prices --

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Public Utilities SEE Utilities

- R -

Rape SEE Sexual Offenses

Rates SEE Prices

Reports --

Agriculture, Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.06	16
Child Care Subsidy Coordinating Council, Maryland, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.02	4
Dairy Industry Oversight and Advisory Council, Maryland, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.07	19
Family Violence Prevention, Governor's Council on, established within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; annual report required	01.01.2006.01	1
Forensic Sciences Advisory Board, Maryland State, established and annual report required; Forensic Sciences Task Force, provisions rescinded	01.01.2006.11	30
Human Services Transportation, State Coordinating Committee for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.09	25
Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, Maryland, established; reports required	01.01.2006.08	21

- S -

Senate SEE General Assembly

Senior Citizens SEE Elderly Persons

Sexual Offenses --

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Social Services --

Child Care Subsidy Coordinating Council, Maryland, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.02	4
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Spousal Abuse SEE Domestic Violence

Subways SEE Mass Transit

- T -

Task Forces SEE Committees and Commissions

Transportation --

Baltimore Red Line Community Advisory Council, established	01.01.2006.04	13
Human Services Transportation, State Coordinating Committee for, established; annual report required	01.01.2006.09	25

- U -

Utilities --

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- V -

Violence SEE Domestic Violence

- Y -

Youth --

Youth Council, Maryland, established	01.01.2006.10	28
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