

**Report to the Governor of Maryland on the Implementation of
Education Article § 22-303
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Education Article § 22-303 requires that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) develop and implement juvenile services educational programs at all residential facilities of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) by July 1, 2014. To date, MSDE has developed and implemented education programs at five DJS facilities.

FY 2005

On July 1, 2004, MSDE assumed responsibility for the education program at the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School. It consisted of three components, one for the detention population, one for short term Impact Program, and one for the longer-term Enhanced Security youth. The education program offerings at Hickey included academic, occupational, life skills, special education, library/media, and transition services. In July 2005, the Administration announced the impending closures of the Impact and Enhance Security programs. Since November 30, 2005, MSDE has operated an expanded detention program at the facility incorporating the program elements described above.

FY 2006

On July 1, 2005, MSDE assumed responsibility for the education program at the Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center. The facility is a 24-bed detention unit. The educational program is similar to that offered at the Hickey detention school.

MSDE assumed responsibility for the education program at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (BCJJC) on January 4, 2006. Staff and instructional materials were transferred from Hickey to BCJJC.

FY 2007

In FY 2007, MSDE continued to administer the educational programming at Charles H. Hickey, Lower Eastern Shore, and the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center. MSDE worked diligently during FY 2007 to expand as well as enhance the educational programming at BCJJC in an effort to deliver optimal instructional and occupational programming to the residents of the facility.

FY 2008

MSDE assumed responsibility for the educational program at J. DeWeese Carter Children's Center on July 1, 2007. Funds were provided in the FY 2008 budget to allow for this addition to the MSDE juvenile services education program. Program offerings at the Carter Center include Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Life Skills.

The reopening of Victor Cullen Facility in July 2007 added an additional MSDE educational program. Initially, funds were provided through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between MSDE and DJS. This MOA provided the funding needed to develop and to implement the educational program for Victor Cullen since funds were not provided in MSDE's FY 2008 budget. The Governor's Allowance for FY 2009 included ongoing resources for the Cullen site.

The Cullen educational program provides daily instruction in the core subject areas as well as Career and Technology Education in electrical wiring for the 48 youth residing at the facility.

Initiatives undertaken during FY 2008 included the incorporation of a career and technology education classroom at Victor Cullen, as well as the completion of the procurement and installation of relocatable educational buildings at both Victor Cullen and the J. DeWeese Carter Center.

FY 2009

Currently, the Juvenile Services Education Program serves approximately 300 students on a daily basis. Funds were not appropriated for MSDE to assume additional school sites in these two fiscal years. During the 2009 General Assembly session, the deadline for assuming responsibility for all Department of Juvenile Services residential facilities educational programming was extended to July 1, 2014. To prepare for meeting the new deadline, the MSDE Juvenile Services Education program has conducted physical site visits and needs assessments of the DJS residential education programs not yet assumed.

Next Steps

In order to meet its legislative mandate, funds need to be appropriated to permit MSDE to continue the planned expansion of its Juvenile Services Education program. To meet the new statutory requirement, MSDE would need to add education programs at two or more facilities each year for the next three fiscal years as proposed by the schedule below. Until MSDE operates all the education programs in the DJS operated facilities, youth residing in these facilities will not have access to the full range of educational opportunities that MSDE provides.

FY 2011	Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center Thomas J. S. Waxter Children’s Center
FY 2012	Cheltenham Youth Facility Western Maryland Children’s Center William Donald Schaefer House
FY 2013	Backbone Youth Camp Green Ridge Youth Camp Meadow Mountain Youth Camp Savage Mountain Youth Camp