

## CHAPTER 284

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT to add new Sections 833, 834 and 835 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Washington County", to follow immediately after Section 832 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Washington County Youth Commission", Sections 833, 834 and 835 having been repealed by Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1959, to establish the Washington County Youth Commission, to provide for the terms and the members of the Commission, and for its powers and duties.

WHEREAS, Children are the nation's most priceless resource; and

WHEREAS, All of the children in a democratic society should have the opportunity for their fullest development for their own betterment and for the good of the community; and

WHEREAS, The providing of a community setting in which children fulfill their potential cannot be brought about by any one person, agency or group; and

WHEREAS, The working together by the members and agencies of each community is basic to any progress in dealing with the problems facing youth; and

WHEREAS, The greatest opportunity for forging ahead to a positive environment for youth lies in the local community where he lives; and

WHEREAS, A vehicle is needed to be available:

1. To bring about community awareness and understanding of the needs of children and of stimulating interest and participation in meeting such needs effectively.

2. To bring about orderly development, well-balanced, coordinated and readily available services, and to improve those social conditions which contribute to the maladjustment and delinquency of children.

3. To be a clearing house in the county for new and constructive ideas which are being used in other places in the State of Maryland and in the other States of the nation.

4. To cooperate with the Maryland Commission for the Prevention and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency in finding ways to work on the problems of children and youth.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 833, 834 and 835 be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Washington County", to follow immediately after Section 832 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Washington County Youth Commission", Sections 833, 834 and 835 having been repealed by Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1959, and to read as follows: