

# HOUSE BILL 173

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By: **Delegates Morhaim, Cardin, and Stein**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Quality Care – Juvenile Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each committed facility licensed by the Department of  
4 Juvenile Services to serve no more than 48 children at one time; and generally  
5 relating to juvenile facilities.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Human Services  
8 Section 9–238.1(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2007 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Human Services**

14 9–238.1.

15 (a) The Department shall serve children in the juvenile services system with  
16 programming that:

17 (1) ensures the safety of the community and the children served;

18 (2) holds delinquent children accountable to victims and communities;

19 (3) assists children to develop competencies to become successful  
20 members of society;

21 (4) delivers services on a regional basis through at least four  
22 operational regions;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (5) ensures that [a] **EACH** committed facility owned **OR LICENSED** by  
2 the Department serves no more than 48 children at one time; and

3                   (6) uses detention and committed facilities that are operationally  
4 separate from each other and that do not share common program space, including  
5 dining halls and educational or recreational facilities.

6                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2010.