

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

641A.

(a) (1) Upon entering a judgment of conviction, the court having jurisdiction may suspend the imposition or execution of sentence and place the defendant on probation upon such terms and conditions as the court deems proper.

(2) In Charles County, St. Mary's County, HARFORD COUNTY, and Calvert County, the court may impose as a condition of probation a sentence of confinement.

(3) The court may impose a sentence for a specified period and provide that a lesser period be served in confinement, suspend the remainder of the sentence and grant probation for a period longer than the sentence but not in excess of 5 years.

(4) However, if the defendant consents in writing, the court may grant probation in excess of 5 years, but only for purposes of making restitution.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

May 25, 1990

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1140.

This bill would expand the existing Child Care Facilities Direct Loan Fund within the Department of Economic and Employment Development to include a grant fund for family day care providers. An applicant for a grant could not receive more than \$500 per year and the total amount of money expended for grants under the fund could not exceed \$50,000 per year.

The Department of Economic and Employment Development has requested a veto because "the offering of grant funds rather than loans will represent a significant drain on the existing Fund." Under the existing Child Care Facilities Direct Loan Fund, interest from loans provide the major portion of the Fund's operating budget. In addition, repayments of these loans allow the Fund to be a revolving fund with revenue available in future years for new loan activities. Under the proposed grant fund, all