

and a new section was added in its place. As enacted the bill provides that if an adjudicatory hearing is held before a master and exceptions are taken, the judgment imposed by the master is not a final order as provided in Section 12-701 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

I have received a letter from the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts conveying very serious reservations about the bill expressed by the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges. A copy of the letter is attached to and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For the reasons set forth in the Director's letter, I have decided to veto House Bill 1111.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

Letter from Director of Administrative Office of the
Courts on H.B. 1111

May 21, 1974.

Alan Wilner, Esq.
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State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: H.B. 1111

Dear Mr. Wilner:

Yesterday the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges considered the above bill and requested that I pass on to you their views about it.

To begin with, it would seem fairly clear that the bill is unconstitutional since the title describes it as having to do with "providing for a stay of a final judgment of a juvenile court pending appeal, in certain situations". In its original form, the bill did precisely that. However, the statutory text contained in the bill now reads: "If the adjudicatory hearing is held before a master and exceptions are taken, the judgment imposed by the master is not a final order as provided in Section 12-701."

This language does not provide for a stay of any judgment. It simply provides that the "judgment imposed