

Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to represent any indigent petitioner who seeks to enforce a duty of child support under the provisions of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (Article 89C of the Code).

House Bill 1478, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 17, 1976, provides for the enforcement and recovery of child support payments in certain cases by establishing a Division of Child Support Enforcement within the State's Social Services Administration. The Division will implement a program to recover child support payments from absent parents of children who receive aid to families with dependent children.

House Bill 1478 amends Article 89C to provide that the State's Attorney of a County or Baltimore City shall represent a obligee (petitioner), unless the newly created Division of Child Support Enforcement has become a party to the enforcement action by virtue of the provisions of the law which creates it. In such cases, the Division is represented by the Attorney General or by an attorney of the Social Services Administration appointed to represent the Division, or by the State's Attorney under certain circumstances. In any event, a parent (obligee) in any jurisdiction who seeks to enforce a duty of child support is represented in all cases in which the newly created Division of Child Support Enforcement is involved and in all cases involving Article 89C. Representation is provided regardless of the economic status of the parent.

Since the purpose of Senate Bill 964 is accomplished by the enactment and signing of House Bill 1478, it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 964.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

Senate Bill No. 1022 - Anne Arundel County
State's Attorney

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - State's Attorney

FOR the purpose of requiring the salary of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County to be equal to the