

purpose is reflected in the title of the bill as introduced. However, as the bill passed the General Assembly it simply abolishes the St. Mary's County Youth Commission. All provisions concerning the establishment of a Children's Council were deleted from the text of the bill but references to the Council were not deleted from the title. The intent may have been to refer to the replacement of the Youth Commission by a Children's Council established pursuant to Art. 49D, Sec. 4. However, this does not account for the references in the title of the bill to the authority of the County Commission to furnish office space, equipment and certain services and to appropriate certain funds for the Council and to the authority of the Council to employ staff and appoint groups to assist it. As these references are not mere surplusage, but are affirmatively misleading, the bill does not meet the requirement of Art. III, Sec. 29 of the Constitution that "every Law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in its title." See Allied American Mutual Fire Insurance Co. v. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, 219 Md. 607 (1959).

Very truly yours,
Stephen H. Sachs
Attorney General

House Bill No. 1716

AN ACT concerning

District Court Jurisdiction - Zoning Codes

FOR the purpose of empowering the District Court to issue injunctions to enforce county and municipal zoning codes in actions brought by a county, or municipality, or its appropriate agents.

May 29, 1979

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1716.

This bill empowers the District Court to issue injunctions to enforce county and municipal zoning codes in certain actions.