

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 822 – *Contracts for Residential Child Care Programs*.

This bill requires the Governor's Office for Children to develop the State Resource Plan for Residential Child Care Programs in consultation with specified agencies, providers, counties, child advocates, and consumers; establishes the content of the Plan; establishes specified requirements for contracts between specified agencies and providers for residential child care programs; and requires the members of the Children's Cabinet to adopt specified regulations.

House Bill 813, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 822.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 822

AN ACT concerning

Procurement— Contracts for Residential Child Care Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Office for Children to develop the State Resource Plan for Residential Child Care Programs in consultation with certain agencies, providers, ~~and local jurisdictions~~ counties, child advocates, and consumers; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the content of the Plan; ~~requiring that the Plan be issued and updated on or before a certain date~~; requiring the Governor's Office for Children to issue a certain report on or before a certain date; establishing certain requirements for certain contracts between certain agencies and providers; requiring a single point of entry to provide certain sample contracts to potential providers; requiring the ~~Governor's Office for Children~~ members of the Children's Cabinet to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to procurement for residential child care programs.

BY adding

~~Article— State Finance and Procurement~~

~~Section 13-501 through 13-506, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Contracts for Residential Child Care Programs"~~

New Article 49D – Children, Youth, and Family Services

Section 1-101 through 1-106, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 1. Contracts for Residential Child Care Programs"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(~~2001~~ 2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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