

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 870 – *At-Risk Youth Prevention and Diversion Programs*.

This bill establishes an Advisory Council to the Children's Cabinet; establishes the purpose of the Advisory Council; and specifies the requirements for at-risk prevention and diversion programs.

Senate Bill 882, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 870.

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

House Bill No. 870

AN ACT concerning

At-Risk Youth ~~Delinquency~~ Prevention and Diversion Programs

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Coordinating Council on At Risk Youth Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Programs in the Governor's Office for Children; providing for the membership of the Coordinating Council; specifying that the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children is the chair of the Coordinating Council; requiring the Governor's Office for Children to provide staff support for the Coordinating Council; establishing the purposes and duties of the Coordinating Council~~ establishing an Advisory Council to the Children's Cabinet; establishing the purpose of the Advisory Council; specifying the requirements for at-risk ~~delinquency~~ prevention and diversion programs; specifying the duties of a local management board; specifying the duties of a local planning group; specifying the membership of a local planning group; requiring the Governor to include providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include a certain amount of money in the budget each fiscal year to fund the at-risk youth ~~delinquency~~ prevention and diversion programs; providing for other sources of funds that may be used to fulfill the funding requirement; requiring the ~~Coordinating Council~~ Governor's Office for Children to report to the General Assembly by a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to at-risk youth ~~delinquency~~ prevention and diversion programs.

BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 2-501 through ~~2-504~~ 2-503, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
“Subtitle 5. At-Risk Youth ~~Delinquency~~ Prevention and Diversion
Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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