

House Bill 1328, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 28, 1985, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 552.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 552

AN ACT concerning

Missing Children - Investigation and Reporting

FOR the purpose of providing statewide guidelines to aid in the locating of missing children; ~~making certain legislative findings~~; requiring certain investigatory and reporting activities by law enforcement agencies; defining certain terms; providing certain authority to the Maryland State Police in the investigation of missing children reports; establishing a State Clearinghouse for Missing Children within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the State Clearinghouse to perform certain activities; establishing an advisory council to the State Clearinghouse composed of certain members; and generally relating to the investigation and reporting of reports involving missing children.

BY adding to

Article - Family Law
Section 9-401 through 9-404 9-403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume)

Preamble

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) This State has a duty to locate and protect children who are reported missing;

(2) The number of missing children has increased, and this problem requires a statewide system for exchanging information, a central repository for information on missing children, and special training for law enforcement personnel;

(3) The first 24 to 48 hours after a child is reported missing are crucial, and law enforcement agencies responsible for investigating reports of missing children should