

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

May 25, 1989

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 512.

This bill establishes a Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts, through which trained volunteers will provide background information on a child to make sure that the Court makes the decision that is in the child's best interest and to ensure that the child is provided appropriate case planning and services.

House Bill 126, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 512.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 512

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program

FOR the purpose of establishing a Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts; requiring certain annual reports; authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts to adopt rules governing the implementation and operation of the Program; providing for the funding of the Program; providing immunity from liability for certain persons for certain acts or omissions; authorizing a court to appoint a special advocate under certain circumstances; providing a certain exception to the confidentiality of court records; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program.