

subdivision and the governing body of each qualifying municipality within the subdivision. The subdivision may use the proceeds of the supplemental grant for expenditures for police protection that are of benefit to all residents of the subdivision, both within or outside of municipalities].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1994 and shall be applicable to all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, ~~1994, 1995, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. \_\_\_\_\_/H.B. \_\_\_\_\_)(4lr2416/4lr1034) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, and if Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ does not become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~

May 26, 1994

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 576.

This bill would require that when the Department of Human Resources develops a permanency plan for a child in foster care, the primary consideration must be for the child's best interest; and would require a local department of social services to consider certain factors, such as, the child's attachment and emotional ties to the child's natural parents, siblings, and relatives; the length of time and attachment to current caregivers and caregivers families; emotional, developmental, or educational harm; and harm from remaining in State custody too long.

House Bill 619, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 576.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 576

AN ACT concerning

**Foster Care – Permanency Plan**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the best interests of the child be the primary consideration in the development of permanency plans for children in foster care; requiring a local department of social services to consider certain factors in determining the best interests of a child in foster care; adding a certain type of