

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 647.

This Administration bill requires a court in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) cases to make findings of fact on the record regarding the identity and current address of each parent of each child before the court. This bill also allows a court to order a parent or putative parent to file an application for child support services, and requires the court to make specific findings of fact as to the circumstances which caused the need for the removal of child in CINA cases.

House Bill 823, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 11, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 647.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 647

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes – Children in Need of Assistance – Hearings – Permanency Plans of Reunification

FOR the purpose of requiring that, in a child in need of assistance case where a child is removed from home, the court shall issue an order making certain findings and notifying the parents that the agency ~~holding or~~ department having commitment of a child may change the permanency plan of reunification for the child under certain circumstances; requiring parents of children who are the subject of certain proceedings to notify the local department of social services of all changes in the parent's address; requiring the court in certain proceedings to inquire as to the identity and current address of ~~both of a child's parents~~ each parent of each child before the juvenile court and make certain findings resulting from that inquiry; requiring the court to notify certain parents of their obligation to provide certain information to the court; requiring the court make certain referrals under certain circumstances; permitting the court to issue certain orders; allowing a circuit court to consider certain evidence taken and findings made in certain hearings and proceedings; and generally relating to children in need of assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3-802 and 3-837