

make other information releases necessary to protect the public. The bill also requires the courts to have each person convicted of a "sexually violent offense" evaluated by an expert to determine if the offender is a "sexually violent predator."

Senate Bill 79, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 9, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 230.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 230

AN ACT concerning

#### Child Criminal and Child Sex Offenders - Notification and Registration

~~FOR the purpose of requiring a person who is convicted of sexual abuse of a child or certain sexual offenses involving a child under a certain age to register with the Maryland State Police certain criminal offenses to register with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring a person to register under this Act within a certain period of time; providing for the notification of the requirements of this Act; requiring that certain sex offenders be provided with certain forms and the opportunity to complete and file the forms under certain circumstances; specifying the contents of a registration statement; requiring the State Police Department to send certain information to certain law enforcement agencies; requiring the State Police Department to maintain a registry of child sex offenders; allowing the release of certain information in the registry under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures for the registration and notification of changes of address; providing for the periodic verification of certain information; providing for procedures and determinations concerning sexually violent predators; providing for the application of certain requirements under this Act under certain circumstances; allowing the Department to adopt regulations under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; providing for the prospective application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to registration of persons convicted of sexual abuse of a child or sexual offenses involving a child~~ certain criminal offenses; certain supervising authorities to send written notice of the release of a child sexual offender to the local law enforcement agency in the county where the offender will reside; requiring that the written notice contain certain information; requiring that such notice be sent to certain persons upon request and to certain other persons under certain circumstances; requiring a child sexual offender to register with the local law enforcement agency within a certain period; requiring a local law enforcement agency to send a certain notice to the county superintendent within a certain period; requiring the county superintendent to send a certain notice to the principals of the schools within the supervision of the superintendent within a certain period; allowing a local law enforcement agency to send a certain notice to certain other organizations under certain circumstances; requiring a local law enforcement agency to establish procedures for carrying out certain parts of this Act; establishing certain