

(2) IF JOINT GUARDIANSHIP IS AWARDED TO A CAREGIVER, THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL RETAIN GUARDIANSHIP WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION OR LONG-TERM CARE SHORT OF ADOPTION.

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(f) On receipt of the guardian's report under subsection (b) of this section, and every 12 months thereafter, the court:

(1) shall hold a hearing to review the progress which has been made toward the child's adoption and to review whether the child's current placement and circumstances are in the child's best interest; and

(2) shall then take whatever action the court considers appropriate in the child's best interest.

(g) (1) Further reports, notices to the natural parents, and hearings are not required if the court determines after a hearing that it is in the best interest of the child to remain [in long-term foster care] with a specified family which agrees to the long-term placement.

(2) If the long-term [foster care] placement is subsequently changed, the child is entitled to annual hearings under subsection (f) of this section.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5-301(f) through (i), respectively, of Article Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-301(e) through (h), respectively.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

May 23, 1996

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 121.

This departmental bill expands the jurisdiction of the State Police to municipalities in the State when investigating and enforcing computer crime laws.

House Bill 516, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 23, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 121.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor