

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 7-301(f) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years, and at the end of July 1, 1997, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 769.

This bill increases the amount of additional court costs imposed on convicted criminal defendants from \$40 to \$45 in the circuit courts, and from \$30 to \$35 in the District Court. The Comptroller is required to increase deposits to both the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund and the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund by \$2.50 from each such fee collection.

Senate Bill 174, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 769.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 769**

AN ACT concerning

**Courts – Court Costs – Victims of Crime**

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of additional court costs that may be imposed on persons who are convicted of certain crimes; requiring the Comptroller to deposit certain portions of the additional fees collected under this Act into the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund and the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund; and generally relating to additional court costs in criminal cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
Section 830  
Annotated Code of Maryland