

11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 420.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 420

AN ACT concerning

Victim's Rights - Transfer to Juvenile Court - Definitions

FOR the purpose of altering and expanding certain definitions of victim relating to transfer of criminal cases to the juvenile court and other rights and procedures relating to victims; and generally relating to victim's rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 594A and 770(a)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

594A.

(a) In this section, "victim" has the meaning stated in [§ 3-801 of the Courts Article] § 770 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) In any case, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, involving a child who has reached 14 years of age but has not reached 18 years of age at the time of any alleged offense excluded under the provisions of § 3-804(e)(1), (4), or (5) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, the court exercising jurisdiction may transfer the case to the juvenile court if a waiver is believed to be in the interests of the child or society.

(c) The court may not transfer a case to the juvenile court under subsection (b) of this section if:

(1) The child has previously been waived to juvenile court and adjudicated delinquent;

(2) The child was convicted in another unrelated case excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under § 3-804(e)(1) or (4) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article; or

(3) The alleged offense is murder in the first degree and the accused child is 16 or 17 at the time the alleged offense was committed.