

(3) The hearing may be postponed by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown.

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(a) (1) Unless the court directs otherwise, a local department shall provide all parties with a written report at least 10 days before any scheduled disposition, permanency planning, or review hearing under § 3-819 or § 3-823 of this subtitle.

(2) The time requirements specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply to an emergency review PLACEMENT hearing under § 3-820 of this subtitle.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

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 974 – Juvenile Law – Transfer of Cases to Juvenile Court.

This bill adds a preponderance of the evidence standard to a court's determination of whether transferring jurisdiction from criminal court to juvenile court is in the interest of the child or society. The bill also requires a criminal court to make a transfer determination at sentencing under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 428, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 974.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 974**

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Law – Transfer of Cases to Juvenile Court**

FOR the purpose of specifying that a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a child may transfer the case to the juvenile court before trial or a certain plea is entered under certain conditions; altering a certain condition under which a certain case may be transferred to the juvenile court; requiring the court that has criminal jurisdiction over a case involving a child to make a