

(5) perform a best practices examination of community-based diversion programs in other states and make recommendations for implementation and funding in Maryland;

(6) examine inter-system collaboration among courts, schools, and community-based institutions and make recommendations to improve those collaborations; and

(7) perform an assets survey of current community-based gang initiatives in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

(g) The Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2004, and shall submit a final report in the same manner on or before December 1, 2005.

~~SECTION 5. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 5 months and, at the end of December 1, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.~~

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
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 1320 – *Maryland Spam Deterrence Act*.

This bill prohibits a person from using specified protected computers to relay or retransmit commercial electronic mail messages with the intent to deceive or mislead recipients or an electronic mail service provider under specified circumstances; prohibits a person from materially falsifying header information in commercial electronic mail messages under specified circumstances; prohibits a person from registering for electronic mail accounts or domain names under specified circumstances; and provides for specified penalties and fines.

Senate Bill 604, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1320.

Very truly yours,