

Senate Bill 177, 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 53.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**House Bill 53**

AN ACT concerning

**Residential Child Care Programs - Out-of-Home Placement - Standards for Staff and System for Outcomes Evaluation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Governor's Office for Children to adopt certain regulations to require certain staff members of certain residential child care programs to meet certain qualifications; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Governor's Office for Children to develop, coordinate, and implement a certain system of outcomes evaluation; specifying the uses of the system for outcomes evaluation; ~~requiring the system for outcomes evaluation to use certain measures for a certain purpose; requiring the Governor's Office for Children, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Human Resources to consult with the University of Maryland, Baltimore, in planning and implementing the system for outcomes evaluation;~~ establishing certain requirements for the system for outcomes evaluation; providing that the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Resources may not disclose personal identifiers and must ensure confidentiality of certain information when reporting certain information and data; requiring the Governor's Office for Children, in coordination with the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Resources, to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor's Office for Children, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in cooperation with representatives of certain programs and certain groups, to develop certain regulations and certain recommendations; requiring the Governor's Office for Children to report to the General Assembly on certain recommendations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to residential child care programs.