

(3) "Child" means any individual under the age of 18 years.

(4) "FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS A RELATIVE OF A CHILD BY BLOOD, ADOPTION, OR MARRIAGE ~~OF A CHILD~~.

(5) "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO LIVES WITH; OR IS A REGULAR PRESENCE IN; A HOME OF A CHILD AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED ABUSE.

[(4)] (6) (i) "Sexual abuse" means any act that involves sexual molestation or exploitation of a child by a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, OR BY ANY HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY MEMBER.

(ii) "Sexual abuse" includes, but is not limited to:

1. Incest, rape, or sexual offense in any degree;
2. Sodomy; and
3. Unnatural or perverted sexual practices.

(b) (1) A parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a child OR A HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY MEMBER who causes abuse to the child is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding 15 years.

(2) The sentence imposed under this section may be imposed separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for any offense based upon the act or acts establishing the abuse.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 489.

This bill would request the Governor to establish an Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs in the Executive Branch.

House Bill 748, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 489.