

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1060

AN ACT concerning

Public Defender - Salary

FOR the purpose of establishing the salary of the Public Defender at a certain amount; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Public Defender.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27A - Public Defender

Section 3(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article 27A - Public Defender

3.

(a) The Office of Public Defender is hereby established in the Executive Branch of the government of the State of Maryland. The head of the Office shall be the Public Defender, who shall be appointed by the board of trustees, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees. To be qualified for appointment as Public Defender, a person must be an attorney-at-law, admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and engaged in the practice of law for a period of five (5) years prior to his appointment. The Public Defender shall receive [such salary as provided in the budget, and shall] THE SAME SALARY AS AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF A CIRCUIT COURT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY not engage in the private practice of law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

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 1117.