

May 22, 2008

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, today I have vetoed House Bill 90 – *Child Welfare – Permanency Planning and Interstate Placement of Foster Children*.

This bill alters the factors a juvenile court is required to consider in making specified findings in permanency planning and review hearings. This bill increases, from 7 to 10, the number of days' notice a local department of social services is required to give to specified persons before permanency planning and review hearings. This bill also requires the court to consult with the child on the record in an age appropriate manner at least every 12 months at a permanency planning or review hearing.

Senate Bill 57, 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 90.

Sincerely,

Governor

House Bill 90

AN ACT concerning

Child Welfare – Permanency Planning and Interstate Placement of Foster Children

FOR the purpose of altering the factors a juvenile court is required to consider in making certain findings in certain hearings; altering the number of days' notice a local department of social services is required to give to certain persons before certain hearings; specifying the contents of the notice; requiring the notice to be in writing, unless waived for good cause; clarifying that certain persons have the right to be heard at certain hearings; requiring the court to consult with a child in a certain manner at certain hearings; requiring a local department to