

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 348 - *Child Fatality Review Teams - Access and Disclosure of Information*.

This bill authorizes a local child fatality review team to investigate the information and records of a child convicted of a crime or adjudicated as having committed a delinquent act that caused the death or near fatality of another child. It requires State and local government agencies and health care providers to provide such information and records upon request by the team. The bill also prohibits the disclosure in a public meeting of any information that identifies an alleged child perpetrator of a death or near fatality.

House Bill 1071, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 348.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor