

HOUSE BILL 246

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2013

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Law – Placement Visits – Video Conferencing**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a juvenile counselor to use video conferencing to
4 satisfy a requirement that the juvenile counselor visit a certain child at the
5 child's placement at certain intervals under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to juvenile law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 3–8A–25
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 3–8A–25.

16 If a child is committed under this subtitle to an individual or to a public or
17 private agency or institution:

18 (1) The juvenile counselor shall visit the child at the child's placement
19 no less than once every month, if the placement is in the State;

20 **(2) TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
21 **SECTION, THE JUVENILE COUNSELOR MAY USE VIDEO CONFERENCING IF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) THE CHILD IS PLACED IN A FACILITY OPERATED BY THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES; AND**

3 **(II) AT LEAST ONE VISIT EVERY 6 MONTHS IS CONDUCTED**
4 **IN PERSON.**

5 **[(2)] (3)** The court may order the juvenile counselor to visit the child
6 more frequently than required by item (1) of this section if the court deems it to be in
7 the child's best interests; and

8 **[(3)] (4)** The court may require the custodian to file periodic written
9 progress reports, with recommendations for further supervision, treatment, or
10 rehabilitation.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2013.