

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 277 – *Children in Need of Assistance – Review Hearings*.

This bill requires the juvenile court to conduct specified hearings within specified periods of time to review the status of specified children under its jurisdiction. The bill also requires the juvenile court to take specified actions at a review hearing under the Act and establishes that a specified hearing to review a child's permanency plan satisfies the requirements for a review hearing under the Act.

Senate Bill 264, 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 277.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley