

May 12, 2015

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 643 – *Department of Human Resources – State Child Welfare System – Report*.

This bill requires the Department of Human Resources, on or before December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly specified information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requires the Department to maintain the confidentiality of specified information and disaggregate the information by county, age, gender, race, and ethnicity; and requires the Department to publish specified reports on the Department's Web site within 30 days of submission of the report to the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 567, 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 643.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.