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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Resources - Children in Out-of-Home Placements - Visits by Local**
3 **Departments**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a local department of social services for a child in need
5 of assistance committed to certain out-of-home placements to visit the child at
6 the child's placement at certain minimum intervals; and generally relating to
7 visits by the local department to children in out-of-home placements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 3-826
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 3-826.

17 (a) (1) Unless the court directs otherwise, a local department shall provide
18 all parties with a written report at least 10 days before any scheduled disposition,
19 permanency planning, or review hearing under § 3-819 or § 3-823 of this subtitle.

20 (2) The time requirements specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection
21 do not apply to an emergency review placement hearing under § 3-820 of this
22 subtitle.

23 (b) If a child is committed to a person or agency under this subtitle, the court
24 may order the custodian to file periodic written progress reports, with copies sent to
25 all parties.

26 (C) IF A CHILD IS COMMITTED TO A PERSON OR AGENCY UNDER THIS
27 SUBTITLE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL VISIT THE CHILD AT THE CHILD'S
28 PLACEMENT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005.