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By: **Delegate Cardin**  
Requested: November 8, 2005  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services - Placement of Children - Home County**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that any child placed by the Department of Juvenile  
4 Services in an out-of-home placement remain in the county where the child's  
5 parent or guardian resides; and generally relating to the Department of  
6 Juvenile Services and the placement of children.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article 83C - Juvenile Services  
9 Section 2-138  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 83C - Juvenile Services**

15 2-138.

16 ANY CHILD PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT  
17 SHALL REMAIN IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
18 RESIDES.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2006.