May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House 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 301 - *Children, Youth, and Family Services - Local Management Boards, State Coordinating Council, and Local Coordinating Councils - Services for Children With Special Needs.* 

This bill establishes a local management board and local coordinating council in each county; establishes the State Coordinating Council for children; establishes the duties and composition of the local management board, State Coordinating Council, and local coordinating council; requires a public agency to disclose specified information and records to another public agency or the Office for Children; and requires the Maryland Association of Local Management Board Directors to submit a report to committees of the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 294, 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 301.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor