

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 822 – *Contracts for Residential Child Care Programs*.

This bill requires the Governor's Office for Children to develop the State Resource Plan for Residential Child Care Programs in consultation with specified agencies, providers, counties, child advocates, and consumers; establishes the content of the Plan; establishes specified requirements for contracts between specified agencies and providers for residential child care programs; and requires the members of the Children's Cabinet to adopt specified regulations.

House Bill 813, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 822.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor