

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 171 – *Courts – Child Abuse and Neglect – Waiver of Reunification Efforts (Anayah’s Law)*.

This bill alters the circumstances under which a local department of social services may ask the court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the child’s parent or guardian are not required.

Senate Bill 150, 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 171.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.