

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed House Bill 279 – *Guardianship and Child in Need of Assistance Proceedings – Jurisdiction and Authority of Juvenile Court*.

This bill authorizes the juvenile court to direct the provision of certain services to a certain child during a certain disposition hearing, and requires the juvenile court to direct the provision of certain services to a certain child during a certain permanency planning hearing or guardianship hearing. This bill also provides that if the juvenile court enters an order directing the provision of certain services to a certain child, the juvenile court retains jurisdiction for a certain time period and for a certain purpose, notwithstanding certain provisions of law.

Senate Bill 272, 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 279.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor