

independence of this effort. Further, the employees of the Department of Juvenile Services have the right to unencumbered legal representation from the Office of the Attorney General.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1342.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1342

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Justice Monitoring - Transfer to Office of the Attorney General

FOR the purpose of transferring the duties of the Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor from the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to the Office of the Attorney General; establishing the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to adopt a certain policy for addressing disciplinary actions and grievances; requiring the Department to cooperate with the Unit in a certain manner; requiring the Department to respond to certain requests by the Unit in a certain time period; authorizing certain investigations; requiring a representative from the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit to be available to attend certain meetings of certain advisory boards; authorizing the disclosure of certain records concerning child abuse and neglect to the Unit under certain circumstances; establishing the function of the Unit; requiring the Unit to employ certain staff; providing for certain salaries and expenses; requiring the Attorney General to set certain salaries, qualifications, and standards in a certain manner; establishing certain duties of the Unit; authorizing the Unit to take certain actions; requiring certain reports to be provided by the Unit; defining certain terms; providing that employees of the Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor who are transferred to the Office of the Attorney General be transferred without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain positions and funds from the Governor's Office for Crime Control and Prevention to the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual budget; and generally relating to the establishment of the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General.

BY repealing

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families
Section 40 through 45
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83C - Juvenile Services