

VETOES

June 2, 1987

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 936.

This bill requires if a child placement agency to which a child is committed determines that adoption is in the best interest of the child, that the agency petition for termination of the natural parent's rights within a certain period of time.

Senate Bill 753, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1987, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 936.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 936

AN ACT concerning

Adoption - Petition for Termination of Natural Parent's Rights

FOR the purpose of requiring if a child placement agency to which a child is committed determines that adoption is in the best interest of the child, that the agency petition for termination of the natural parent's rights within a certain period of time; ~~requiring an agency to file a certain report with the court; requiring certain procedures under this Act; requiring a court to take certain action after holding a hearing required under this Act;~~ and generally relating to a requirement that a child placement agency file a certain report and a certain petition relating to adoption and the termination of the natural parent's rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)