

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 124.

This bill prohibits an employer from depriving crime victims or victims' representatives of employment because of their rightful attendance at criminal or juvenile proceedings.

House Bill 303, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 124.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill 124

AN ACT concerning

Victims' Rights - Attendance at Proceedings - Loss of Employment Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from depriving certain persons who are victims or victims' representatives of employment because of attendance at certain criminal or juvenile proceedings when the victims or victims' representatives have a right to attend the proceedings; and generally relating to the right of the victim or the victim's representative to be present at certain criminal or juvenile proceedings.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 778

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments