

April 30, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 458.

This bill would authorize a court in a child custody or visitation proceeding to consider evidence of abuse by a party against a child or spouse.

Senate Bill 155, which was passed by the General Assembly and was signed by me on April 30, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 458.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 458

AN ACT concerning

Child Custody and Visitation – Abuse

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing a court in a child custody or visitation proceeding to consider, ~~subject to the rules of evidence,~~ evidence of abuse by a party against certain individuals; ~~requiring a court to make certain arrangements for custody or visitation under certain circumstances that best protect certain individuals;~~ defining a certain term; and generally relating to consideration of abuse in child custody and visitation proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4-501(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 9-101.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)