

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
H-107 State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 820 – *Child Abuse and Neglect – Investigations – Timeliness*.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to implement policies to ensure that certain actions are taken if a local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency fails to see a child who is the suspected victim of child abuse or neglect within the timeframes required in statute. The bill also adds reporting requirements for the Department of Human Services.

House Bill 1248, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 820.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor