

planning, as witness the catastrophes that have recently overtaken New York City and several other State and local governments. Maryland has remained on a firm, stable, and solvent basis in part because those who govern it have had no easy ways out, and, while fully recognizing the "flexibility" this bill would provide, I fear more the abuse of the power than I welcome its benefits.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 621.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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House Bill No. 716 - Minors - Liability for Acts of  
Children

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Liability for Acts by Children

FOR the purpose of altering the limit of liability in  
restitution for certain wilful acts by children.

May 26, 1977

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe  
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 716.

This bill generally increases the limits of a parent's liability in a case involving restitution against him for damages caused by the wilful or malicious act of his child.

Senate Bill 205, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee III in his capacity as Acting Governor on May 17, 1977, accomplishes the same general purpose. What caused me to opt for the Senate Bill was the fact that, with respect to medical expenses incurred by the injured party, Senate Bill 205 merely raises the maximum amount recoverable