

SENATE BILL 117

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

Requested: November 8, 2013

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Law – Commitment – Placement Visits**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of video conferencing by a juvenile counselor
4 for certain commitment placements under certain circumstances; and generally
5 relating to the placement visitation of a child in committed placements.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 3–8A–25
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 3–8A–25.

15 If a child is committed under this subtitle to an individual or to a public or
16 private agency or institution:

17 (1) The juvenile counselor shall visit the child at the child's placement
18 no less than once every month, if the placement is in the State;

19 (2) **TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITEM (1) OF THIS**
20 **SECTION, THE JUVENILE COUNSELOR MAY USE VIDEO CONFERENCING IF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) THE CHILD IS PLACED AT A FACILITY OPERATED BY THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES; AND**

3 **(II) AT LEAST ONE VISIT WITHIN EVERY 3 MONTH PERIOD IS**
4 **CONDUCTED IN PERSON;**

5 **(3)** The court may order the juvenile counselor to visit the child more
6 frequently than required by item (1) of this section if the court deems it to be in the
7 child's best interests; and

8 **[(3)] (4)** The court may require the custodian to file periodic written
9 progress reports, with recommendations for further supervision, treatment, or
10 rehabilitation.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2014.