

VETO MESSAGE - No. 226

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 4529-B, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the family court act, in relation to reentry of former foster children into foster care"

NOT APPROVED

This bill, among other things, seeks to clarify certain aspects of the foster care reentry law. However, the State reentry provisions of this legislation run counter to the "Close to Home" law, potentially leading to placements of New York City youths far from home rather than in their communities, contrary to the 2012-13 Budget adopted by the Legislature and signed into law. I am committed to this initiative which ensures that families remain close despite the most trying of conditions. Moreover, this provision also would have an unbudgeted fiscal impact on the State. For these reasons, I am compelled to disapprove this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

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