

May 15, 2014

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 297 – *Prekindergarten Expansion Act of 2014*.

The bill expands prekindergarten services to four-year-old children from families whose income is no more than 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines by establishing a competitive grant program to provide funding to qualified public and private prekindergarten providers.

Senate Bill 332, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 297.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley