

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 343 – *Allegany County and Garrett County – Boards of Education – Removal of Ex Officio Member*.

The bill repeals the requirement that the Chair of the Allegany County Commissioners, or the Chair's designee, serve as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of the Allegany County Board of Education. The bill also repeals the requirement that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Garrett County Commissioners serve as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of the Garrett County Board of Education.

Senate Bill 383, 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 343.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley