

May 12, 2015

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 926 – *Baltimore City and Baltimore County – Police Behavioral Health Units – Pilot Program*.

This bill requires on or before October 1, 2016 the Baltimore City and Baltimore County police departments to establish behavioral health units; requires a behavioral health unit to consist of at least six officers who are specially trained to understand the needs of individuals with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and in cultural sensitivity and cultural competency; and establishes the purpose and goals of a behavioral health unit.

Senate Bill 321, 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 926.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.