

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 251 – *Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – School Counselors – Certification Renewal Requirement (Lauryn’s Law)*.

This bill requires the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require, on or before July 1, 2016, specified certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained, by a method determined by the Board, specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students.

House Bill 947, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 251.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.