

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 469 – *Public Health – Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System*.

This bill alters the name of the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System to be the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System and requires the Crisis Response System to evaluate the outcomes of services through the annual collection of data on behavioral health calls received by police, attempted and completed suicides, unnecessary hospitalizations, hospital diversions, arrests and detentions and diversion of arrests and detentions of individuals with behavioral health diagnoses.

House Bill 367, 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 469.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.