

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 926 – *Optional Retirement Program – Eligibility – Alterations*.

This bill alters the eligibility provisions of the Optional Retirement Program to include individuals in specified position categories designated by specified governing boards of institutions of higher education or the Secretary of Higher Education. The bill also requires an individual who was a participant in the Optional Retirement Program as of August 22, 2004, to continue to participate in the Program under specified circumstances, and conforms specified terminology to current institutional policies regarding employment categories.

Senate Bill 979, 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.