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 1352 – Wicomico County Board of Education – Election and Appointment of Members.

This bill requires that, beginning in 2018, members of the Wicomico County Board of Education be elected by districts and members be elected at large, as specified, and provides that, alternatively, beginning in 2018, members of the Wicomico County Board of Education be elected by districts and members be appointed. The bill also establishes a School Board Nominating Commission and submits the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Wicomico County.

Senate Bill 145, 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 1352.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.