

May 27, 2016

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 355 – *Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program – Establishment*.

This bill requires the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program to help promote financial savings to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life. The bill also renames the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board, requires the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program, and apply the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

House Bill 431, 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 355.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.