May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 232 – *Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Attendance Policy*.

This bill requires each county board of education to develop an attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students, which shall be published on the county board's web site. At a minimum, the attendance policy will provide for a number of lawful absences due to pregnancy or parenting needs, as well as authorize the completion and submission of make—up work.

House Bill 616, 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 232.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. Governor