

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 210 - *General Assembly - Office of Legislative Audits - Authorized Representatives and Authorized Work*.

This bill authorizes the Legislative Auditor to contract with consultants as authorized representatives; clarifies that performance audits, financial statement audits, and reviews are authorized work; clarifies that specified provisions relating to access to records, process, reporting, enforcement, and confidentiality apply to all authorized work and required audits under a specified provision; and establishes a process for the Joint Audit Committee to review local school systems' responses to specified audits.

Senate Bill 243, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 210.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor