

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 1125 - *Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options*.

This bill establishes a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options; provides for the membership, chair, principles, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requires the Department of Budget and Management to provide the Commission with specified information; requires the Department of Budget and Management to fund the hiring of more than one actuarial firm and health care consulting firm by the Commission; and requires the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its findings.

Senate 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 House Bill 1125.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor