

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 392 – *Education - Blind and Visually Impaired Students - Instructional Materials*.

This bill requires the State Department of Education to collaborate with and provide support to the Instructional Resources Center to develop procedures to coordinate the statewide availability of textbooks and supplementary instructional materials that may be accessed using specified specialized formats using the federal National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard. Senate Bill 392 also requires the Department and county boards of education to include a specified provision in textbook and instructional materials procurement contracts.

House Bill 710, 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 392.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor