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 1019 - *State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Enhancement Benefit Act of 2006*.

This bill alters the formula used to calculate the normal service retirement allowances for individuals who are members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System on or after June 30, 2006; and provides for an alternate contributory pension selection for individuals who are members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System on or after July 1, 2006.

House Bill 1737, 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 1019.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor.