

May 17, 2007

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 610 - *State Department of Education and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Student Surveys - Workgroup*.

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a workgroup to evaluate and reduce the impact on schools and students of administering and taking various health-related surveys while collecting valid data that meet the legal data collection responsibilities of the departments. The workgroup may consult with various stakeholders and must study the feasibility of administering a single survey or coordinating the administration of multiple health-related surveys.

Senate Bill 9, 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 610.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor