

May 17, 2007

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 876 - *Child Abuse and Neglect - Disclosure of Records to Nonpublic School Principals and Superintendents*.

This bill extends to nonpublic school officials the same rights to receive child abuse and neglect records concerning a school employee who has allegedly abused or neglected a student as are afforded to public school officials. Nonpublic school officials may these records when determining appropriate personnel or administrative actions following a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a student committed by the employee.

House Bill 1332, 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 876.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor