

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 129 – *Task Force to Study Implementing a Civil Right to Counsel in Maryland*.

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study Implementing a Civil Right to Counsel in Maryland which provides for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force. It requires the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters and to report its findings and recommendations to specified public officials on or before October 1, 2014.

Senate Bill 262, 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 129.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley