

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 391 – *State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Wellness Program*.

This bill requires the Secretary of Budget and Management to include a specified wellness program in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program and establishes requirements for the wellness program. The bill also requires the Secretary of Budget and Management to submit reports on implementation to the Governor and specified legislative committees on two specified dates, the latter being on or before February 1, 2016.

Senate Bill 224, 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 391.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley