

May 12, 2015

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 388 – *Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council*.

This bill establishes the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; requires the Council to develop a statewide framework of sentencing and corrections policies to further reduce the State's incarcerated population, reduces spending on corrections and reinvest in strategies for specified purposes; and requires the Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

Senate Bill 602, 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 388.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.