

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 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 497 – *Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools*.

This bill establishes the Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; requires the State Department of Education to survey and assess specified data relating to local, State and federally mandated assessments; and requires the Department to report specified results to the State Board of Education, each county board of education, specified educational organizations, and specified legislative committees on or before August 31, 2015; etc.

House Bill 452, 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 497.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.