

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed House Bill 174 – *Education – Children With Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent*.

This bill requires an individualized education program team to obtain written consent from the parent of a child with a disability if the team proposes certain actions regarding the individualized education program of the child. This bill also requires an individualized education program team, under certain circumstances, to send a parent written notice within a specific time frame that informs the parent of certain rights to consent, or refuse to consent, to certain actions, and authorizes authorizing an individualized education program team to implement a certain action regarding an individualized education program if a parent does not provide certain written feedback within a specific timeframe. In addition, this bill authorizes an individualized education program team to use dispute resolution options certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 710, 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 174.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor