

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 197 – *Education – Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program – Establishment (Peyton’s Bill)*.

This bill establishes the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to public schools in order to purchase technology that allows students with medical conditions to participate remotely if in-person classroom attendance is not possible. This bill also authorizes the Governor to include annual funding in the State budget for the program, which must be administered by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Senate Bill 485, 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 197.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor