

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 971 – *James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program*.

This bill establishes the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program and requires that it be administered jointly by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with the Department of Disabilities, the State Department of Education, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration. This bill authorizes the program to award competitive grants to institutions of higher education in order to develop and implement programs that provide inclusive higher education opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, subject to specified conditions.

Senate Bill 872, 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 971.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor