

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 132 – *Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations*.

This bill makes nonprofit organizations eligible to receive funding through the Robotics Grant Program if the organization 1) provides youth with an out-of-school-time experience that focuses on personal and workforce development; (2) serves public school students as a majority of its participating youth; and 3) is associated with a public school.

This bill also requires that 1) grants awarded through the Robotics Grant Program must ensure geographic diversity among all program grantees, to the greatest extent practicable; and 2) the Governor increase funding to a certain amount within the annual State budget, beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

Senate Bill 180, 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 132.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor