

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 860 – *Employees', Teachers', and Correctional Officers' Systems – Active Members – Death Benefits*.

This bill provides that if there is no surviving spouse, certain surviving children of specified deceased members of State retirement and pension plans may receive a survivor benefit equal to 50% of the basic allowance that would have been paid to the deceased member. This bill also allows disabled surviving children receiving an allowance, or surviving children under the age of 26 receiving an allowance, to enroll in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

Senate Bill 828, 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 860.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor