

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 1115 – *Community Colleges – Workforce Readiness Grant Program – Established*.

This bill establishes a Workforce Readiness Grant Program to provide matching grants to each community college in order to improve the community college's technology. This bill also authorizes the Governor to include matching grants of up to \$250,000 for each community college campus in certain years; and clarifies that the funding is supplemental, and in addition to, operating support provided to community colleges by the State.

Additionally, this bill requires that, by certain dates, the Maryland Higher Education Commission must submit reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on the total amount of funds raised for the program through donations, as well as on how those funds were spent. Finally, this bill terminates June 30, 2025.

Senate Bill 515, 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 1115.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor