

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 526 – *Legal Education Success Collaborative – Established*.

This bill establishes the Legal Education Success Collaborative between the University of Baltimore (UB) School of Law, the University of Maryland (UM) School of Law, and the Maryland historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to increase diversity in the legal field. Beginning in fiscal 2023, the Governor must appropriate \$125,000 to each scholars program at the UB School of Law and the UM School of Law. The UB School of Law and the UM School of Law must each match up to \$125,000 of the State appropriation.

House Bill 1268, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 526.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor