May 24, 2019

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate H–107 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 541 – Education – Personnel Matters – Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention.

This bill establishes a process that includes requirements for specific documentation regarding whether an individual has ever been disciplined for allegations of "child sexual abuse" or "sexual misconduct," for the hiring of public school and nonpublic school employees who have direct contact with minors.

House Bill 486, 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 541.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. Governor