

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 210 – *General Assembly – Office of Legislative Audits – Authorized Representatives and Authorized Work*.

This bill authorizes the Legislative Auditor to contract with consultants as authorized representatives; clarifies that performance audits, financial statement audits, and reviews are authorized work; clarifies that specified provisions relating to access to records, process, reporting, enforcement, and confidentiality apply to all authorized work and required audits under a specified provision; and establishes a process for the Joint Audit Committee to review local school systems' responses to specified audits.

Senate Bill 243, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 210.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**House Bill No. 210**

AN ACT concerning

**General Assembly – Office of Legislative Audits – Authorized Representatives and Authorized Work**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Legislative Auditor to contract with consultants as authorized representatives; adding the authorized representatives to all provisions applicable to employees of the Office of Legislative Audits; clarifying that performance audits, financial statement audits, and reviews are authorized work performed by the Office of Legislative Audits; altering a certain investigation conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits to include resources rather than funds; repealing the requirement that the Office of Legislative Audits perform a certain audit of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission at the request of certain officials or the Joint Audit Committee; clarifying that a certain rating system is based on the results of a fiscal/compliance audit; authorizing an examination to occur at the offices of a local school system; defining a certain term; clarifying that certain provisions