

vision of the State Library Board, would not, in my opinion, cause such a lapse, if it were accomplished in every case under a State-wide statutory policy with expressed criteria and guidelines for counties to meet in qualifying for local control.

It is unfortunate that such a State policy has not been formulated so that a county with the resources of Prince George's cannot exercise an option for local control at this time.

Nevertheless, for these reasons and because approval of this measure might encourage similar action on the part of other counties, I am compelled to veto the bill at this time.

However, I will be happy to work with legislative leaders in the coming session of the General Assembly to develop a suitable State-wide policy that I can support.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,  
Governor.

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**House Bill No. 911—State Police**

AN ACT to repeal Sections 5(c) and (d) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "In General," and to enact new Sections 5 (c) and (d) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, to provide a new schedule of ranks, grades and salaries to be paid to police employees of the Maryland State Police, commencing July 1, 1967, to make them eligible for increments under the same terms and conditions as are applicable to and as are contained in the classified employees schedule; to provide that increments shall be based on time in rank and not on total service time; to provide that promotions shall follow the classified employees plan, and that upon promotion no person shall receive less than one increment in the new rank; and to provide that upon conversion to the new schedule no person shall receive less than a ten per cent increase and the next higher increment.

May 4, 1967.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 911 and am returning it to you.

The bill, establishing a new salary and promotion schedule, involving a general salary increase, for police employees of the Maryland State Police, is a duplicate of Senate Bill 536, which has been signed and is now Chapter 403 of the 1967 Laws of Maryland.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,  
Governor.