

The Council is confident that you will give this your fair and considered judgment. We are fully prepared to submit testimony and evidence in any hearing which you may wish to schedule on this.

Very truly yours,

/s/ DAVID L. CAHOON,

*County Attorney.*

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**Senate Bill No. 463—Senatorial Scholarships**

AN ACT to add new Section 263A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 27. General Assembly Scholarship Awards," to follow immediately after Section 263 thereof, to provide for certain conditions under which Senatorial Scholarships may be revoked.

May 28, 1969.

Honorable William S. James  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 463, and am returning it to you.

This Bill was quite evidently conceived as a reaction to the wave of campus disorders that have occurred recently throughout the nation, and I must admit that generally I share the sentiment of its sponsor.

Section 263 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that a Senatorial Scholarship, once awarded, may not be revoked for other than academic deficiencies. The original text of this Bill would have permitted a further ground for revocation in the event that the student participated in disruptive activities of a serious nature. The language provided significant standards and safeguards.

In the course of its progress through the General Assembly, however, the bill was virtually rewritten. The carefully defined acts which might lead to revocation of a scholarship were eliminated, along with the standards and safeguards. The amended version simply authorizes termination of a scholarship award "upon receiving a recommendation from the institution which the holder of the award attends that the holder is guilty of misconduct or misbehavior." Just that and nothing more.

In my opinion, the result of the amendment was that a reasonable reaction to campus unrest was translated into an unreasonable overreaction. As finally enacted, the reference to "misconduct or misbehavior" contains no definition or limitation whatsoever. It could embrace anything from a panty raid to a controversial edi-