

that there are inconsistencies between the two bills which, if both were to be signed, might raise problems of statutory construction. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

Because of the inconsistencies between House Bill 1173 and House Bill 316, and because House Bill 316 accomplishes the same purpose as House Bill 1173, I have decided to veto House Bill 1173.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

Letter from State Law Department on House Bill No. 1173.

April 26, 1974.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: House Bills 316 and 1173

Dear Governor Mandel:

We have reviewed House Bills 316 and 1173 and believe that both bills are constitutional.

House Bill 1173 authorizes the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to conduct labor negotiations with non-certificated public school employees in the same manner as prescribed for certificated public school employees, except that three employee units rather than two units are permitted. The bill also repeats the "no strike" provision which now exists for certificated employees.

House Bill 316 provides a comprehensive labor negotiations law for non-certificated public school employees, which is applicable to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, as well as to other county boards of education not specifically excluded. Its provisions parallel the existing labor negotiations law for certificated employees contained in Section 160 of Article 77, except that it, like House Bill 1173, permits three rather than two employee units. It also repeats