

House Bill No. 1258 - Montgomery County; Noncertificated
Public School Employees

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County - Public Education "Agency Shop"
MC 63-75

FOR the purpose of providing that the Montgomery County Board of Education shall negotiate ~~[[an "agency shop"]]~~ a nonmember service fee provision with the ~~[[noncertificated]]~~ noncertificated public school employees organization.

May 15, 1975.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1258.

This bill purports to be an "agency shop" law for noncertificated public school employees in Montgomery County. It requires the County Board of Education to "negotiate and agree to a structure of reasonable service fees to be charged nonmembers for representation in negotiation and grievance matters by the organization which exclusively represents full time noncertificated public school employees."

Last year, I signed into law Senate Bill 600 (Chapter 630, Acts of 1974) which required the Prince George's County Board of Education to "negotiate an organizational security provision, commonly known as 'agency shop' with organizations (note the plural) which represent full-time noncertificated public school employees."

House Bill 1258 is alleged to be a counterpart to Senate Bill 600 of last year. In my judgment, however, it goes much farther than Senate Bill 600 in both its adverse effects on noncertificated employees who do not wish to belong to the exclusive bargaining organization recognized by the Board and its circumscription of the Board's discretion.