

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 1274.

This bill, by an uncodified law, would require the appointment of a Public Employment Task Force to study ways of creating jobs with governmental funds in fiscal year 1977. The Task Force, to consist of twenty-eight persons, would be required to make a comprehensive report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1976, including

(1) an estimation of the employment needs of each subdivision of the State;

(2) an analysis of the kinds of jobs in which increased employment would most benefit the State and each of its subdivisions;

(3) a legislative proposal for a State funded employment program, addressing itself, individually or by means of a specific formula to the employment needs of each subdivision of the State, advancing Maryland furthest toward relieving its unemployment burden, and enumerating "the kind of jobs to be funded Statewide and in each subdivision" and specifying the governmental entity "which shall assume responsibility for the administration of the program with respect to each kind of job funded";

(4) a projection of the fiscal impact on the State of the proposed program and "an evaluation and justification of all State expenses proposed";

(5) a projection of the general economic and social effects of the proposed program upon the population of the State, including anticipated deleterious effects and recommendations for countering these effects; and

(6) recommendations concerning the continued role of the Task Force after July 1, 1976.

The Task Force expires on July 1, 1976, unless otherwise mandated by the General Assembly.

My objection is not to the object of the bill - that of studying ways in which, if at all, newly created