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## Senate Bill No. 564

AN ACT concerning

## Summer Scholastic Employment Act

FOR the purpose of continuing the Summer Scholastic Employment Act; allowing a rebate for employers who hire certain students under certain conditions; limiting the number of rebates allowed a single employer; providing for the administration of the Act; providing for the automatic termination of the program; and generally relating to the program of summer employment for students.

May 29, 1979

Honorable James Clark, Jr. President of the Senate State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 564.

This bill permanetly establishes the Summer Scholastic Employment Program, a demonstration program which had terminated on January 1, 1979. Under provisions of the program, qualified employers are eligible for a State rebate of up to \$200 for each student employed.

The Secretary of Human Resources advises that the program does not appear to be having a significant statewide impact with respect to employment of youths who otherwise would be unemployed. Furthermore, since there are no funds in the fiscal year 1980 Budget for the program, Senate Bill 564 will not result in implementation of the program in 1979-1980.

The fiscal year 1981 Budget is currently being prepared. In conjunction with this process, I am directing the Secretary to review the results of the Summer Scholastic Employment Program, to weigh the benefits of the 'program against other departmental priorities, and to specifically address the merits thereof. If further analysis of the impact of this program indicates that it will benefit a sufficient number of students to warrant continued allocation of State resources, I will include funds for its implementation in the fiscal year 1981 Budget and will cause the introduction of departmental legislation designed to temporarily extend or permanently establish the program.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 564.