

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 829.

This bill allows for a carry-over of funds in the State and Senatorial Scholarship Programs from one fiscal year to the next, by providing that funds that remain unused at the end of a fiscal year are to be deposited in a special fund for awards by the State Scholarship Board as one-year grants.

The bill would thus provide an exception to the general rule that unexpended funds must be reverted to the General Fund of the State. The general rule is founded on sound fiscal policy. It generally is unwise to allow a State agency to accumulate annual appropriations, for such a procedure necessarily involves some loss of budgetary control by both the Chief Executive and the Legislature.

I am not convinced that there exists in this instance a compelling reason for an exception to that sound general policy. I am convinced, however, that if I signed this bill, a poor precedent would be set.

For these reasons I have decided to veto Senate Bill 829.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 864

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Presentation of Pay Plan

FOR the purpose of altering the time for presentation to the General Assembly of amendments to the pay plan for all classes of positions of classified and unclassified service.

May 29, 1979

Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate