

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

May 24, 1979

Honorable Harry Hughes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 825

Dear Governor Hughes:

We have reviewed House Bill 825, a bill concerning an exclusion from unemployment benefits for certain employees of educational institutions. However, because of a defective title, we do not approve the bill.

As passed by the General Assembly, the bill retains the present law of Art. 95A, Sec. 4(f)(4) which excludes certain employees of educational institutions from unemployment benefits for the period between academic terms or years if there is a reasonable assurance that the employee will be employed during the succeeding term or year. As passed by the General Assembly, the bill adds a requirement that before July 1 of each year each educational institution is to provide the Employment Security Administration with the name and Social Security number of each individual who has a reasonable assurance of continued employment.

It is apparent that the new language does not alter the exclusion, but simply provides the Administration with information for enforcing the existing exclusion. However, as the title of the bill refers to "altering" the exclusion, it is our view that it does not fairly advise the reader of the subject of this bill, as required by Art. III, Sec. 29 of the State Constitution. Baltimore Transit Co. v. Metropolitan Transit Authority, 232 Md. 509, 521 (1963).

Very truly yours,
Stephen H. Sachs
Attorney General

House Bill No. 836

AN ACT concerning

Food Stamps - Program Participation and
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