

While exercise of a veto by a legislative committee can properly be regarded as the exercise of an oversight power, rather than law-making, we think that authorizing legislative committees to modify proposed court costs and fees is much more in the nature of law-making, which must follow the procedures prescribed by the Constitution for enacting legislation. We would also note that even if this modification authority could be conferred on legislative committees, there is some question of whether it is properly reflected in the title.

In conclusion, it is our view that Senate Bill 58 can be signed into law, but that the provision authorizing committees of the Legislature to modify proposed court costs and fees cannot be given effect.

Very truly yours,
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 Senate Bill No. 77

AN ACT concerning

Education - Free and Reduced Price Breakfast Program

FOR the purpose of correcting an erroneous reference to the federal official responsible for adjusting the per meal reimbursement under the National Child Nutrition Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
 Section 7-5A-03
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1978 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Education

7-5A-03.

The free and reduced price breakfast program under this subtitle shall be suspended if the per meal reimbursement that the federal government provides for the breakfast program is: