Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 357 - Community Colleges - State Funding - Size Factor Component.

This bill alters the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for community colleges to allow colleges that are no longer eligible for funding under the size factor component to receive a specified percentage of funding for a specified number of fiscal years; and provides for the distribution of size factor component grants.

House Bill 533, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 357.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 357

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges - State Funding - Size Factor Component

FOR the purpose of altering the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for community colleges to allow certain colleges that are no longer eligible for funding under the size factor component to receive a certain amount of funding for a certain period; providing for the distribution of certain size factor component grants; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for community colleges.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Education

Section 16-305(a) and (b)(13)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 16-305(c)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education