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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before September 30, 2007, and annually thereafter through September 30, 2009, inclusive, the Procurement Advisor appointed by the Board of Public Works shall report to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and House Health and Government Operations Committee, regarding the implementation of this Act during the immediately preceding fiscal year, including the impact of this Act on small business and minority business enterprises.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any requirement for bid security or for payment security or performance security due before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2 <u>4</u>. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006. <u>It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.</u>

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 392 - Education - Blind and Visually Impaired Students - Instructional Materials.

This bill requires the State Department of Education to collaborate with and provide support to the Instructional Resources Center to develop procedures to coordinate the statewide availability of textbooks and supplementary instructional materials that may be accessed using specified specialized formats using the federal National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard. Senate Bill 392 also requires the Department and county boards of education to include a specified provision in textbook and instructional materials procurement contracts.

House Bill 710, 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 392.

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