

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 709 – *Libraries – County Library Capital Project Grants*.

This bill establishes a grant program in the State Department of Education to assist in the funding of county library capital projects; requires the Division of Library Development and Services in the Department to develop and administer the program; requires a grant application to contain specified information; requires the State Board of Education to approve specified projects by a specified date; and requires the Governor to fund the program.

House Bill 1380, 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 709.

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

### Senate Bill No. 709

AN ACT concerning

#### Libraries – County Library Capital Project Grants

FOR the purpose of establishing a grant program in the State Department of Education to assist in the funding of county library capital projects; requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the Department to develop and administer the program; authorizing a county library system to apply for capital project grants under certain conditions; requiring an application to contain certain information and meet certain conditions; requiring that certain grants meet certain conditions; requiring the Division to review grant applications and make certain recommendations by a certain date; requiring the Division to consider certain information; requiring the State Board of Education to approve certain projects by a certain date; requiring certain projects to be forwarded to the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to include certain funding for the program; requiring the State Board to submit certain reports; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a State grant program for county public library capital projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 23–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)