

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 714 - *Education - Residential Boarding Education Programs - At-Risk Youth*.

This bill authorizes the establishment of residential boarding education programs to be operated under the supervision of the State Department of Education. It requires the program operator to conduct outreach programs; and requires the Board of Trustees to submit to the Department on or before July 1 each year information regarding the program, including the students who participate and budget information.

House Bill 1432, 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 714.

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

#### Senate Bill No. 714

AN ACT concerning

#### Education - Residential Boarding Education Programs - At-Risk Youth

FOR the purpose of authorizing the establishment of certain residential boarding education programs to be under the supervision of the State Department of Education; providing that certain students shall be eligible to participate in certain programs if the students are certain disadvantaged children, certain at-risk youth, certain residents, and enrolled in certain grades; authorizing the Department to contract with certain operators to provide certain programs; requiring certain operators to meet certain qualifications and adopt certain standards for the admission and dismissal of certain students; requiring the operator to conduct certain outreach programs to provide information and encourage student recruitment and participation from each county in the State; authorizing the State Board of Education to require certain modifications to certain standards under certain circumstances; requiring certain operators to submit certain charters and bylaws to the State Board; requiring the Board of Trustees of Residential Boarding Education Programs to govern certain programs; providing for the membership, terms, term limits, and filling of vacancies of certain boards; requiring the Board of Trustees to determine certain officers; requiring certain programs to be subject to certain accountability mandates of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and certain other federal laws; providing for the payment of certain teachers and certain other professional personnel at certain programs; requiring the Board of Trustees to