

(i) by a school system that, for the 2003-2004 school year did not make annual yearly progress as defined under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and as implemented by the State Department of Education; and

(ii) at a school that, for 2003-2004 school year:

1. made annual yearly progress as defined under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and as implemented by the State Department of Education; and

2. is not receiving funds under Title 1 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

(b) An individual described under subsection (a) of this section may continue to be reemployed until June 30, 2007, without being subject to a reduction to the individual's retirement allowance as specified in § 22-406(c)(2) or § 23-407(c)(2) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, if the individual remains a principal at the same school where the individual was placed for the 2004-2005 school year.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1354 – *Consolidation of State Forest and Park Services Rangers and Natural Resources Police – Exemption from Probationary Status*.

This emergency bill establishes an exemption for specified employees of the State Forest and Park Service from the probationary time period for a Natural Resources police officer.

Senate Bill 380, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1354.

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