

(20)	Talbot.....	1
(21)	Washington.....	3
(22)	Wicomico.....	2
(23)	Worcester.....	2

(b) In Baltimore City there shall be 23 resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

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May 29, 1984

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 430.

As introduced, House Bill 430 would have provided an alternative procedure for awarding House of Delegates Scholarships. The original proposal would have provided increased flexibility to Delegates in awarding scholarships in smaller amounts as a means of extending educational assistance to more students. The aggregate funding level would have remained unchanged. In its original form, House Bill 430 represented an unoffensive programmatic change which would have merely extended to delegates the flexibility currently enjoyed by their counterparts in the Senate with respect to the awarding of Senatorial Scholarships.

In its final amended form however, House Bill 430 doubles the scholarships available to members of the House of Delegates, beginning in Fiscal Year 1987, and increases by over forty-one percent the funding level for Senatorial Scholarships, upon completion of the initial four year phase-in of this proposed increase.

Although this legislation originated as a benign programmatic shift, it was transformed into a scholarship enlargement bill with significant long-term fiscal implications that raise serious questions of educational funding policy.