

incarceration in the State system as well as the incoming volume would depend largely upon local construction decisions.

While I remain supportive of the original objective contained in House Bill 354 and recognize the effort expended by members of the General Assembly during the 1985 Session to structure an acceptable proposal, I cannot approve this legislation as finally adopted. Unfortunately, disapproval will automatically cancel a \$150,000 appropriation to be used for the planning of a new detention facility in Baltimore City, contained in the General Construction Loan Act of 1985 (Chapter 125 of the Laws of 1985), which was contingent on passage of House Bill 354. Alternatively, I will request legislative approval for a deficiency appropriation to permit this activity to proceed uninterrupted while developing Administration legislation consistent with the intent of House Bill 354 for introduction at the 1986 Session of the General Assembly. Since most of the principal features of House Bill 354 were not scheduled to begin until July 1, 1986, this procedure should result in little substantive delay.

Therefore, for the above reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 354.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

May 24, 1985

The Honorable Harry Hughes  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 354

Dear Governor Hughes:

We have reviewed and hereby approve for constitutionality and legal sufficiency House Bill 354, concerning sentencing to local detention centers. In so doing, at the request of your legislative office, we have considered a potential interpretative issue raised by an amendment to the bill.

House Bill 354 is an attempt to clarify the respective responsibilities of the State and the local jurisdictions with respect to the housing of prisoners. As introduced, the bill raised the minimum sentence to the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction to six months, and combined the provisions on regional and local detention centers, renaming all of them local detention centers. 1/ The combination of the two types of