

(3) THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY TO PAY ALL CLAIMS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, INCLUDING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATING TO THE CLAIMS. NO STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATION COSTS MAY BE CHARGED TO THE FUND.

(4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD, AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL SEPARATELY ACCOUNT FOR, THE FUND.

(5) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(6) FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR HEALTH INSURANCE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ONLY AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT. EXCESS APPROPRIATIONS REVERT TO THE FUND, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL AS ENACTED.

SECTION ~~3~~ 8, ~~10~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 4, 9, ~~11~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1994.

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 475.

Senate Bill 475 would require the creation of a Task Force on Cued Speech, American Sign Language, and the Oral Method of Communication. This Task Force would examine how cued speech, American Sign Language, and the oral method of communication are taught in Maryland and other states and determine whether the use of any of the above should be expanded in Maryland public schools. Additionally, the Task Force would make determinations regarding the provision of interpreters in colleges and universities in Maryland. Finally, the Task Force would determine to what extent there can be cooperation between the proponents of cued speech, American Sign Language, and the oral method of communication, respectively.

Various individuals and organizations including the Maryland School for the Deaf and the Maryland Association of the Deaf have requested that I veto this bill because they do not believe that such a Task Force will produce meaningful new information on cued speech, American Sign Language, or the oral method of communication. They argue that