

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 821.

Senate Bill 821 would create a Commission on Jobs within the Department of Economic and Employment Development, whose charge would be to develop a plan to address the problems of unemployment and underemployment in the State, and increase the level of employment for all eligible Maryland workers. The Commission was to give special attention to available unemployment information pertaining to African-American teenagers. The Commission also would be directed to study the feasibility of enacting tax credits for Maryland firms that create skilled jobs for unemployed individuals.

While I appreciate the intended purpose of the bill, the responsibilities of this Commission could be readily addressed by a collaborative effort of the Governor's Work Force Investment Board and the Office of Minority Affairs' Advisory Commission on Black Males. The missions of both groups include employment and job creation issues. Therefore, creation of the Commission on Jobs would duplicate existing efforts.

In addition, the creation of this new Commission would impose significant additional costs on the Department of Economic and Employment Development, whereas the existing groups could perform the specified activities within their existing budgets. In order to reduce unnecessary duplication of effort and increased costs, I have vetoed Senate Bill 821.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 821

AN ACT concerning

Economic and Employment Development – Formation of Commission on Jobs

FOR the purpose of creating the Commission on Jobs; providing for the membership and staff support of the Commission; authorizing a member of the Commission to receive reimbursement for certain expenses under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to study certain issues and make certain recommendations; requiring the Commission to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Commission on Jobs.

BY adding to

Article 83A – Department of Economic and Employment Development