

(b) The education accountability program shall include the following:

(1) The State Board and the State Superintendent shall assist each county board to establish educational goals and objectives that conform with statewide educational objectives for subject areas including reading, writing, and mathematics;

(2) With the assistance of its county board, each public school shall survey current student achievement in reading, language, mathematics, and other areas to assess its needs;

(3) Each public school shall establish as the basis for its assessment of its needs, project goals and objectives that are in keeping with the goals and objectives established by its county board and the State Board;

(4) With the assistance of its county board, the State Board, and the State Superintendent, each public school shall develop programs to meet its needs on the basis of the priorities it sets;

(5) Evaluation programs shall be developed at the same time to determine if the goals and objectives are being met; [and]

(6) A reevaluation of programs, goals, and objectives shall be undertaken regularly; AND

(7) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PROVIDE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR ASSESSMENT OF A LOCAL BOARD'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIOR TO MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE BOARD TO RECONSTITUTE A FAILING SCHOOL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 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 840.

This emergency bill would authorize an association of federal employees to be issued a group life insurance policy if it meets the same conditions required of an association of State employees, or an association of State, county or town employees.

House Bill 1679, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 2, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 840.