In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 870.

This bill would authorize the Prince George's County Board of Education to negotiate with the employee collective bargaining organization for the imposition of a fee, not to exceed the organization's annual dues, to be charged to nonmembers for negotiation services provided by the employee organization.

Senate Bill 72, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 870.

Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

House Bill No. 870

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Public School Employees - Service or Representation Fee

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FOR the purpose of authorizing the Prince George's County Board of Education to negotiate with certain employee organizations for the imposition of a fee to be charged to certain employees for negotiation services provided by the employee organization; and generally relating to public school employees in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 6-407(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

6-407.

(c) (1) In Montgomery [County] AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES and Baltimore City, the public school employer may negotiate with the employee organization designated as the exclusive representative for the public school employees in a unit, a reasonable service or representation fee, to be charged nonmembers for representing them in negotiations, contract administration, including grievances, and other activities as are required under subsection (b) of this section.