

The following enumerated express powers are granted to and conferred upon any county or counties which hereafter form a charter under the provisions of Article XI-A of the Constitution, that is to say:

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(1) To enact local laws for [such] THE county, including the power to repeal or amend local laws [thereof] OF THE COUNTY enacted by the General Assembly upon the matters covered by the express powers in this article [granted; to].

(2) TO provide for the enforcement of all ordinances, resolutions, bylaws and regulations adopted under the authority of this article by fines, penalties and imprisonment, enforceable according to law as may be prescribed [, but no such fine or]. A penalty [shall] MAY NOT exceed [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 for any offense [other than a fair housing law offense], UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION, or PROVIDE FOR imprisonment for more than six months[; to].

(3) TO provide for the enforcement of local fair housing laws by fines or penalties that do not exceed the fines or penalties provided in the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988 for enforcement of similar federal fair housing laws[; to].

(4) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAWS OR PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS DISCRIMINATION LAWS BY FINES OR PENALTIES THAT DO NOT EXCEED \$5,000 FOR ANY OFFENSE.

(5) TO provide for enforcement of all ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and regulations adopted under the authority of this article by civil fines and penalties.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

May 24, 1995

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 532.

This amended bill requires the state to make grants to all community colleges (including Baltimore City Community College) that provide instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program, who meet certain criteria, beginning in fiscal 1996. The annual grant distributed to the boards of the community colleges shall be \$800 times the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the program.