House Bill 1054, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 18, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 532.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 532

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges - Funding of English for Speakers of Other Languages Programs

FOR the purpose of funding programs for students who are enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs and enrolled in community colleges in the State; providing funding for students who are enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs at Baltimore City Community College; setting certain criteria to qualify for the grant; specifying a certain limitation on the total amount of grants provided under this Act; providing for the repayment of any excess funds to the General Fund of the State; and generally relating to funding English for Speakers of Other Languages programs.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 16-403(d) and 16-607.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

16-403.

(D) (1) (I) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1996, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH BOARD IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES ("ESOL") PROGRAM. TO QUALIFY FOR THE GRANT, STUDENTS SHOULD MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THE STUDENT WAS BORN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH; THE STUDENT COMES FROM AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS DOMINANT; OR THE STUDENT IS AN AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE AND COMES FROM AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON HIS/HER LEVEL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

(II) TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE A STUDENT: