In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1042.

This bill specifies that independent contractors performing rehabilitation services pursuant to Section 21–303(c) of the Education Article are eligible to participate in the State's deferred compensation plan.

Senate Bill 251, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1042.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1042

AN ACT concerning

Deferred Compensation Plan - Independent Contractors

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain independent contractors for the State to participate in the State deferred compensation plan.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 35-602

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

35-602.

An individual is eligible to participate in the deferred compensation plan if the individual is:

- (1) an officer of this State;
- (2) an employee of this State, including a contractual employee; [or]
- (3) an employee of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority; OR
- (4) AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR WHO PERFORMS SERVICE UNDER § 21–303(C) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.