

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 641.

This bill establishes a State funding formula for the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) based on the school's enrollment growth and the growth in State funding provided to local school systems through the basic current expense formula. The bill also requires the Maryland School for the Deaf to establish and operate a program of enhanced services for deaf students who have other moderate to severe disabilities.

House Bill 1023, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 641.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 641

AN ACT concerning

Maryland School for the Deaf – Funding and Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland School for the Deaf to establish and operate a program of enhanced services for deaf students who have other moderate to severe disabilities; requiring the State and certain counties under certain circumstances to share in paying the costs of the program; requiring the School and the Department of Education to enter into a written agreement regarding certain monitoring of the School by the Department and certain assistance from the Department to the School; authorizing certain agreements between the School and certain other agencies; defining certain terms; establishing a formula to calculate certain mandatory annual funding obligations for the State; including the Maryland School for the Deaf among entities for which the Governor may not reduce appropriations; and generally relating to the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 8-310.1 through 8-310.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 8-415(d)(1)