

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 698.

This bill authorizes the Dorchester County Commissioners to issue up to \$3.2 million in general obligation bonds for public school capital improvements. The maturity date of such bonds may not exceed 30 years.

House Bill 564, 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 698.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 698**

AN ACT concerning

**Dorchester County – Public School Capital Improvement Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$3,200,000 in order to finance, with certain restrictions, certain public school capital improvements in Dorchester County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom from all State, county, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as used herein, the term "County" means that body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and the term "public school capital improvements" means the cost of alteration, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, expansion, extension, improvement, rehabilitation, renovation, upgrading, equipping, and repair of public school facilities in