

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 551 – County Income Tax Disparity Grants.

This bill makes technical changes to the disparity grant formula to reflect the current method of calculating local income taxes.

House Bill 945, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 551.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 551**

AN ACT concerning

**County Income Tax Disparity Grants**

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of certain State grants to certain counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes; altering certain requirements for eligibility for the grants; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain State grants to certain counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 9-1101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

9-1101.

(a) (1) For each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall distribute to a county the amount determined for each county under this section.

(2) The amount a county shall receive under this section in any fiscal year shall be based on the county income tax collected from individuals for the taxable year that ended in the second prior fiscal year, from returns filed through August 15 immediately preceding the applicable fiscal year, as determined by the Comptroller.