The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
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 697 – HOPE for Nontraditional Students – Community College Transfer Scholarship Program.

This bill establishes the Community College Transfer Scholarship Program. To qualify for a scholarship under the program, an applicant must meet certain criteria. The annual award amount is $3,000. An award may be used for tuition and fees at a Maryland four–year private or public institution.

House Bill 476, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 697.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 697

AN ACT concerning

HOPE for Nontraditional Students – Community College Transfer Scholarship Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Community College Transfer Scholarship Program and providing for the award of scholarships under the Program; establishing qualifications and requirements for the receipt and retention of an award under the Program; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to send a list of scholarship recipients to certain persons; providing for the funding of the scholarship Program; *requiring certain repayment obligations for certain programs administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to be calculated at a certain interest rate and in a certain manner; requiring certain recipients to commence repayment obligations upon graduation or termination from certain institutions;* and generally relating to the Community College Transfer Scholarship Program.

BY adding to
    Article – Education
    Section *18–112; and* 18–2401 through 18–2407, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students – Community College Transfer Scholarship Program"
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1999 Replacement Volume)