

May 18, 2000

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 750 – Education – Early Childhood Literacy – Grants.

This bill requires the State Board of Education to distribute early childhood literacy grants each year to organizations that promote early childhood literacy during well-child visits in health care settings; and solicit corporate funding for promoting early childhood literacy. Organizations must use grants to purchase books that are distributed at well-child visits in health care settings and train pediatricians and other health care providers on methods of promoting literacy to all Maryland children.

House Bill 1172, 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 750.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 750

AN ACT concerning

Education – Early Childhood Literacy – Grants

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to distribute certain grants to certain organizations to promote literacy at an early age; requiring an organization that is awarded a grant to use the grant for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include funding for the grants in the State budget; authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to grants for literacy at an early age.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 5-213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, There is now scientific evidence, based on studies on early brain development, to support the need to promote literacy at the earliest age; and