

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 13 - Skills-Based Training for Employment Promotion (STEP) Pilot Program.

This bill establishes the Skills-Based Training for Employment Promotion (STEP) Pilot Program for the purpose of providing grants to local workforce investment boards to fund skills-based training for low-income individuals. The Governor's Workforce Investment Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, must establish and administer the program.

Senate Bill 367, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 13.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 13

AN ACT concerning

Skills-Based Training for Employment Promotion (STEP) Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of creating a Skills-Based Training for Employment Promotion (STEP) Pilot Program; expressing the intent of the General Assembly regarding the purpose of the STEP Program; requiring the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to establish and administer the STEP Program; requiring the STEP Program to provide certain grants on a competitive basis to a certain number of local workforce investment boards; providing for the funding of the STEP Program; specifying the STEP Program application process and application contents; requiring the Board to evaluate certain applications, to consider factors, and to recommend to the Department the distribution of certain grants; requiring the Board to adopt certain performance evaluation standards; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations and guidelines; requiring a local workforce investment board that receives a STEP Program grant to develop certain processes and programs, provide for the creation of certain accounts, ensure that eligible individuals make certain applications prior to use of certain funds, coordinate with certain programs that provide wraparound services, assist eligible individuals in making certain applications prior to use of certain funds, collect and report certain data ~~by a certain date~~, and comply with