

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 615 – *Higher Education – Maryland Digital Library – Established*.

This bill establishes the Maryland Digital Library in the Maryland Higher Education Commission. It provides for the purpose of the Maryland Digital Library, and establishes the composition of the Maryland Digital Library. It authorizes the Maryland Higher Education Commission to encourage specified institutions to meet specified goals, and authorizes the Maryland Digital Library, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop specified programs.

House Bill 1167, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 615.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 615

AN ACT concerning

#### Higher Education – Maryland Digital Library – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Digital Library in the Maryland Higher Education Commission; providing for the purpose of the Maryland Digital Library; establishing the composition of the Maryland Digital Library; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to encourage certain institutions to meet certain goals; authorizing the Maryland Digital Library, in collaboration with certain ~~libraries~~ entities, to develop certain programs; establishing a Maryland Digital Library Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Digital Library Advisory Council to submit a certain report to the Commission on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Digital Library.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 11–106  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 11–801 through ~~11–803~~ 11–804, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
“Subtitle 8. Maryland Digital Library”