

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

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May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 771.

This bill modifies the mission of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center and expands the membership of the Board of Trustees. In addition, in fiscal year 1992 only, House Bill 771 dedicates \$500,000 of the revenues from the repeal of the sales and use tax exemption for cigarettes to the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center. Further, it provides for the creation of two task forces, both staffed by the Maryland State Department of Education. One task force is to recommend a permanent system of financial support for the Center. The other task force is to develop a plan for the dissemination of information, curricula, and other programs.

The statutory purpose of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center is set forth in Section 24-106 of the Education Article. It states that the purpose of the Center is to provide "an accessible laboratory environment for:

- (1) Training students from public institutions of higher education to be teachers in elementary schools by providing students the opportunity for early field experience;
- (2) Identifying and addressing appropriate early childhood and elementary education research needs and priorities in this State;
- (3) Providing opportunities for demonstration and observation of effective teaching practices; and
- (4) Providing in-service and staff development opportunities for faculty from teacher education programs, prospective principals and experienced teachers in Maryland elementary schools."