

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

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 171.

This bill establishes the School Accountability Funding for Excellence Program, which provides additional targeted State funding for education programs. Specifically, the bill (1) establishes a new targeted improvement grant, school library grant and teacher development program; (2) enhances State funding for the limited English proficiency, aging schools and extended elementary education programs; and (3) provides Prince George's County with additional funding for effective schools, a pilot integrated student support services project and teacher development initiatives. To receive these funds, each local school system must submit to the Maryland State Department of Education a comprehensive plan outlining ways to increase the performance of at-risk students.

House Bill 1, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 171.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 171

AN ACT concerning

School Accountability Funding for Excellence

FOR the purpose of establishing a School Accountability Funding for Excellence Program for public school systems of the State; revising the funding and certain requirements for programs for non- and limited-English proficient students; providing certain funds to certain public school systems pursuant to certain formulas; providing certain funds and establishing certain requirements for professional development programs in certain schools; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for the Baltimore County Teacher Mentoring Program; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for a Prince George's County teacher mentoring program; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for the Early Elementary Education Program; providing certain funding, subject to certain conditions, for certain