

fiscal year. Adjustments shall be made to increase or decrease the combined grants in the subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CAPITAL GRANT TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUSES TO BE USED IN ELIGIBLE LOCAL BUS SERVICE.

(2) GRANTS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR BUS SERVICES OPERATED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 8 of Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

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 493.

This bill authorizes the Maryland Department of the Environment Water Quality Financing Administration and the State Treasurer to establish a linked deposit loan program within the Water Quality and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds for the purposes of providing loans at or below the prevailing market rate to private landowners for nonpoint source pollution control projects.

The bill establishes the loan application process and the responsibilities of the Administration and lender. In addition, the bill provides that a linked deposit loan is not a debt of the State or a pledge of the credit of the State.

Senate Bill 177, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 493.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor