

Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 212 - *Reorganization of State Government - Department of Information Technology*.

This bill establishes the Department of Information Technology as a principal unit of the Executive Branch. This bill also provides for the qualifications, appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary of Information Technology. Further, the bill requires the Secretary to provide an annual report on technology development projects to the Department of Legislative Services.

House Bill 362, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 212.

Sincerely,

Governor

Senate Bill 212

AN ACT concerning

**Reorganization of State Government - Department of Information
Technology**

FOR the purpose of reorganizing State government by establishing a Department of Information Technology as a principal unit of the Executive Branch; providing for the qualifications, appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary of Information Technology; providing for the duties of the Department of Information Technology; specifying that the Department of Information Technology is responsible for administering the information technology functions of the Executive Branch of State government; transferring the information technology and telecommunications functions of the Executive Branch from the Department of Budget and Management to the Department of Information Technology; requiring the Secretary to provide a certain annual report on certain technology development projects to the Department of Legislative Services; transferring the Telecommunications Access of Maryland program from the Department of Budget and Management to the Department of Information Technology; requiring certain shopping facilities to acquire and install certain communications devices; providing that the Department of Information Technology is a primary procurement unit; repealing a certain