

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 1661 – *Schools and Child Care Centers – State Grant Program – Security Upgrades for Facilities at Risk of Hate Crimes or Attacks*.

This bill authorizes the Maryland Center for School Safety to make grants for certain security-related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be at risk of certain hate crimes or attacks. This bill also establishes the terms and conditions for the use of State grant funds, and provides that the funding for grants shall be provided by the Governor in the State budget. In addition, this bill authorizes the State Board of Education, after consultation with the Center, to adopt regulations.

Senate Bill 1191, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1661.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor