

May 17, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 197 - *Somerset County - Sale of Property - Whittington Elementary School*.

This bill allows the Somerset County Commissioners to sell the property known as Whittington Elementary School to Shore Up Inc., under terms deemed appropriate by the county commissioners. It exempts the sale of the property from specified general requirements for the sale of surplus property.

Senate Bill 180, 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 197.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor