

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 58 - *Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers*.

This bill establishes a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers to assess the rigors of national certification for speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, physical therapists, school counselors, and other school system personnel, as compared to national teacher certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The commission shall make recommendations regarding whether the stipends for national teacher certification should be expanded to include the professions listed above.

House Bill 274, 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 58.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor