

May 19, 2009

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 226 – *State Retirement and Pension System – Participating Governmental Units*.

This bill requires employees of local governments whose employer choose to participate in the State Retirement and Pension System as a participating governmental unit to elect participation by the effective date of the authorizing legislation of the local government.

House Bill 473, 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 226.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor