

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 593 – *State Retirement and Pension System – Board of Trustees – Attendance and Educational Training*.

This bill expands the reasons for which a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System may be granted an excused absence from a board meeting to include jury duty and attendance at investment or fiduciary training. It also requires that investment and fiduciary training for trustees must be approved by the chairman of the board. In addition, the bill provides that an elected employee representative on the board must be given reasonable time during work hours to attend board and committee meetings.

House Bill 446, 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 593.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor