

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 275 - *Education - Teachers - State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*.

This bill extends the termination date on the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) from May 31, 2008 to June 30, 2013. The bill expands membership in the program to include teachers seeking recertification, raises the participation limit to 1,000 teachers, and authorizes the State board to fund up to one retake of an unsuccessful entry on the NBPTS assessment.

Senate Bill 57, 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 275.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor