

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 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 607 – *Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders*.

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders and specifies the purposes of the Joint Committee are to review the final report of the Governor's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, review and monitor the activities of the Governor's Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, monitor the effectiveness of specified programs, policies, and practices, review compliance with specified federal and State laws by health insurance carriers, and identify areas of concern and corrective measures.

House Bill 896, 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 607.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.