

May 25, 2018

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 740 – *State Department of Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Funding (Maryland Cares for Kids Act)*.

This bill makes the State responsible for the student share of the costs of (1) reduced-price breakfasts provided under the federal School Breakfast Program by fiscal 2022 and (2) reduced-price lunches provided under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) by fiscal 2023; the bill phases in this responsibility beginning with fiscal 2020. The bill applies to public school students and students in nonpublic schools that participate in the program. A local board of education or participating nonpublic school is prohibited from charging a student who is eligible for a reduced-price breakfast beginning in fiscal 2022 or a reduced-price lunch beginning in fiscal 2023, for any portion of the cost of a meal.

House Bill 315, 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 740.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor