

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 125 – *Public Institutions of Higher Education – Student Athletes (Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act)*.

This bill establishes requirements regarding college student athletes at public institutions of higher education. An athletic program must adopt and implement guidelines related to the health and safety of student athletes. By October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, the University System of Maryland (USM) Intercollegiate Athletics Workgroup, Morgan State University (MSU), and St. Mary's College of Maryland, must report on student athletes at each institution, including any student athlete policy changes related to the health and safety of student athletes. Beginning July 1, 2023, USM institutions, MSU, and athletic associations, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association, must follow certain rules regarding student athlete compensation for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

Senate Bill 439, 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 125.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor