

consist of athletic fees; student loan and scholarship funds; patients, inmates, and student funds in the Mental, Health, and Correctional Institutions; welfare funds; and a variety of miscellaneous accounts.

If the State were logically to exempt the student activities fees from the provisions of Section 7, Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, it would certainly seem to follow that these other funds, here above enumerated, should also be excluded. However, in the adoption of Article 15A the Legislature foresaw the wisdom of maintaining controls over funds coming into the hands of the many Departments, Boards, Commissions, Officers, or Institutions of the State from non-budgeted sources, and this control feature has certainly been demonstrated as most desirable over the years during which it has been in effect.

For this reason, as the State's Financial Officers, we respectfully urge that you veto this legislation, in order to maintain the high degree of accounting control that has been established in the State's Fiscal Operations as a result of the restrictions of Section 7, Article 15A.

Very truly yours,

- (s) MICHAEL J. POTTHAST,  
Chief, General Accounting Div.  
Comptroller's Office.
- (s) JAMES G. RENNIE,  
Department of Budget  
and Procurement.
- (s) LEO J. PARR,  
State Auditor

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**Senate Bill No. 450—Commission on Mental Retardation**

AN ACT to add a new Section 338A to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 338 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Governor's Inter-Departmental Commission on Mental Retardation," establishing such Commission, designating its functions and duties, the number and manner of selection of its members, authorizing the employment of a staff, granting the Commission exclusive jurisdiction regarding certain Federal grants, and providing funds for its operation.

May 6, 1966.

Honorable William S. James  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 450.