

This bill requires all noncertificated public school employees in Prince George's County who are not members of an exclusive bargaining organization to pay the organization a representation fee equal to the membership dues.

At a public hearing which I conducted on this bill on May 12, 1975, Mr. Tillman H. McDonald and Mr. James A. Shearer, representatives of the two exclusive bargaining organizations affected by House Bill 1696, testified that on May 8, 1975, their respective organizations came to a voluntary agreement with the Prince George's County Board of Education on the issue sought to be resolved by House Bill 1696. Accordingly, they requested that I veto House Bill 1696 "because the best solution has been reached through voluntary negotiations between the affected parties."

In addition to the above request, I have also received numerous correspondence requesting that I veto House Bill 1696.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 1696.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor
