

accountable to the taxpayers of Maryland and more accountable to the unions.

This bill will imperil State employee privacy and safety, encourage identity theft of State employees, significantly and adversely change the relationships between management and employees, and increase the costs and the bureaucracy relating to the collective bargaining process.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 605.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 605

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for certain State employees and certain employees of State institutions of higher education; specifying that provisions of this Act may not limit or interfere with certain powers of the Governor; specifying that the State Labor Relations Board is an independent unit of State government; altering the membership of the Board; requiring that the Board elect a chairman from among its members; altering the duties of the Board and the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board; requiring the Board and the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to jointly appoint an Executive Director; altering the duties and powers of the Executive Director; repealing a requirement that the Department of Budget and Management provide administrative support to the State Labor Relations Board; requiring the State Department under certain circumstances to provide certain information to certain exclusive representatives; prohibiting certain exclusive representatives from requesting or receiving certain information under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain exclusive representatives from ~~sharing~~ releasing certain information; providing a certain exception; prohibiting a certain exclusive representative from using certain information for a certain purpose; authorizing a certain exclusive representative to use certain information only for a certain purpose; specifying certain employee rights; prohibiting the State and employee organizations from engaging in certain unfair labor practices; requiring the Department to make certain information available to certain employee organizations for certain purposes under certain circumstances; allowing parties in collective bargaining to request that a fact finder be employed under certain circumstances; specifying the manner of appointment and the powers and duties of a fact finder; clarifying the processes of collective bargaining; altering a certain definition; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to collective bargaining for State employees and employees of State institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - State Personnel and Pensions