

VETOES

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

May 25, 1990

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1290.

House Bill 1290 would require the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program to operate a satellite office in the Harford and Cecil County region. The bill would prohibit the Department of Economic and Employment Development, which administers the SBDC program, from lowering the funding for those satellite centers in fiscal years 1991 and 1992 below FY 1990 levels.

The SBDC program currently operates a satellite office in Harford County to service the Harford and Cecil regions. Because of its success, it is my intent to maintain a satellite SBDC office in those counties. However, because House Bill 1290 would mandate a level of funding tied to a specific budget year, I believe its enactment could impair the equitable redistribution of funds should the level of combined federal and State funding decrease from current levels. Although I do not anticipate any decrease in program funding for fiscal years 1991 and 1992, should such a decrease be necessary this bill would preclude other areas of the State from receiving their fair share of the available funds.

Because it would set an undesirable precedent by mandating a particular funding level to a particular SBDC satellite center and could result in inequitable distribution of funds, I have decided to veto House Bill 1290.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1290

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development - Small Business Development Center Regions Programs - Harford and Cecil Counties

~~FOR the purpose of altering certain calculations and procedures for the distribution of the Small Business Development Center Program funds by the Department of Economic and Employment Development; altering the assignment of Harford~~