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April 1, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State  
Building 1, Suite 157-K  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 19

Dear Secretary Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 19.

This bill changes the requirement that all county boards of education offer early childhood education programs five days per week. Specifically, it relaxes this requirement and allows boards to offer four day programs. One of my goals through Senate Bill No. 359, signed into law in 2013, was to ensure parents had the option to send their child to a five day per week early childhood education program, except in certain limited instances where the five day requirement is waived. The changes made in the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 19 diminish the educational requirements currently in place. It takes a step backward in meeting the goals of comprehensive education reform I championed.

I believe offering five day per week programs for early childhood education is critical to meet the developmental needs of our state's students. Consequently, I must disapprove this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole III  
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead  
Speaker of the House of Delegates