April 1, 2008

VETO MESSAGE

The Honorable Betty Ireland Secretary of State State Capitol Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Secretary Ireland:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4407.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4407 would require that all new school buses purchased after July 1, 2009, be equipped with automatic tire chain installers for use on the bus tires during inclement weather. Although I have no specific objection to the use of automatic tire chain installers, I cannot approve this Bill. Certain matters are best left to the discretion of local policy makers. Accordingly, school bus equipment policy should be decided at the local level with input from local school bus drivers.

For these reasons, I must veto this legislation.

Very truly yours,

JOE MANCHIN III Governor.