

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CHARLESTON

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Betty Ireland  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Secretary Ireland:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 227.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 227 makes largely technical amendments to various statutory provisions dealing with the State Teachers Retirement System. Unfortunately, this bill, passed by the Legislature on March 8, 2008, conflicts with the provisions of Enrolled House Bill No. 101, which the Legislature passed during the First Extraordinary Session on March 16, 2008. Both bills amend W. Va. Code §18-7A-14; however, the amendments of Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 227 are not reflected in Enrolled House Bill No. 101.

Although I support the intent of Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 227, the provisions of Enrolled House Bill No. 101, having been passed after this bill, would control, thereby making my approval of this bill fruitless. For this reason, I must

veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 227.  
However, I would encourage the Legislature to promptly consider  
this measure again in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Joe Manchin III,

*Governor.*

cc: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin

The Honorable Richard Thompson