



Senate Bill 912

Environment – Climate Crisis and Education Act

MACo POLICY STATEMENT
(Letter of Information)

To: Budget and Taxation; Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committees

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Equity with New Revenue Sources

The State's commitment to substantial new education investments has inspired legislation to authorize new activities that carry substantial new revenue potential. The costs of these ambitious school initiatives, as proposed, will also carry a major cost to county governments, many of whom are already straining their current revenue structures.

Only with sufficient funding will county governments be able to work in partnership with the State to advance our schools' competitiveness and outcomes. **As such, any new funding source identified and approved by the State to support new education initiatives should have a commensurate authority or equitable distribution to support county governments statewide as true partners in education investments.**

MACo advocates for adequate, fair, and reasonable funding for all of Maryland's students, and urges State policymakers to sustain a robust level of public education funding without unduly burdening county budgets or slighting other essential local services.

MACo and county governments stand ready to work with State policymakers toward a productive funding partnership to ensure a world-class education system for all Maryland students.