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Ardath,

Attached is written testimony we would like to submit on Senate Bill 830/House Bill 1022 – “Education – Alternative Schools – Reporting Requirements.”

The House bill was heard on February 26, but the Senate bill will be heard tomorrow. The House has not issued a report yet on the bill.

Can you please submit the testimony to both the House and the Senate so our position is on record?

Thank you,  
Jamie

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<b>BILL:</b>	House Bill 1022/Senate Bill 830
<b>TITLE:</b>	Education – Alternative Schools – Reporting Requirements
<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	February 26, 2020 (House) March 3, 2020 (Senate)
<b>POSITION:</b>	OPPOSE
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Ways and Means Committee and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Mr. Anthony J. Trotta, Chief Legal Counsel (301-766-2946) Mrs. Ardath Cade, Legislative Representative (410-991-9383)

The Washington County Board of Education (WCBOE) opposes House Bill 1022/Senate Bill 830.

The time that would be required of school system staff by this bill to compile the over twenty-five (25) data elements enumerated in the bill on an annual and daily basis would be significant as many of these data elements do not or will never exist in a local school system’s student information system. Compiling the required data elements will be time consuming and costly for local school systems.

The bill also places a burden on private “alternative schools” by requiring them to compile the data elements to share with the local school system. The cost of compiling this data by private “alternative schools” will be passed on to local school systems again making this a costly bill for local school systems.

A core value of WCBOE’s 2020 Legislative Program is that legislative mandates should be limited and fully funded by the state. WCBOE opposes new mandates such as House Bill 1022/Senate Bill 830. WCBOE urges the legislature to carefully consider the financial and policy implications of any new mandates. WCBOE recommends that any new legislative mandates be coupled with full funding from the state.

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WCBOE urges the committees to issue an unfavorable report on House Bill 1022 and Senate Bill 830.

Thank you.

cc: Washington County Board of Education Members  
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