SB892 PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MATHEMATICS CREDIT – COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COURSE

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EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **SB892 Public Schools – Mathematics Credit – Computer Science or Computer Programming Course**. This bill authorizes a student enrolled at a public high school to satisfy one credit of a requirement to earn three credits in mathematics by completing a credit in a computer science or computer programing course selected by the local board of education if the local board has certified to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) that the course may count toward that mathematics graduation requirement.

According to State regulations, to be awarded a high school diploma, a student must be enrolled in a Maryland public school system and have earned a minimum of 21 credits in specified subjects. AACPS students must earn a minimum of 26 credits to earn a diploma, including 4 credits of math.

AACPS opposes efforts by the General Assembly to legislate local public school curriculum. We support local decision-making authority in developing curriculum in collaboration with the State Board of Education. Accordingly, the authority to establish curriculum and assessments is the domain of the State Board of Education and the local boards of education. We firmly believe that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with local boards, should continue to be responsible for developing and implementing curriculum, assessments, and graduation requirements.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB892.