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**BILL NO.: HB 1475**

**TITLE:** School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)

**SPONSOR:** Delegate Solomon

**COMMITTEE:** Environment and Transportation

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** March 6, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1475 – School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act), which alters the definition of “elevated level of lead” to 5 parts per billion for the purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings.

Baltimore County supports efforts to reduce the risk of lead exposure to our children, especially in their critical stages of development when they are most vulnerable to long-term damage done by lead exposure. HB 1475’s new standard for lead is a stricter standard than the 15 parts per billion required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ensuring that Baltimore County’s students are protected from any possibility of exposure to a substance linked to learning disabilities and other long-term health effects.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1475. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.