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BILL:	HB 1188	**DATE:**	February 27, 2020
SUBJECT:	Public Schools- Enrollment Location-Continuity	**COMMITTEE:**	Ways and Means and Judiciary
POSITION:	Information Only		
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EXPLANATION:

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is providing information for your consideration regarding **House Bill (HB) 1188, Public Schools – Enrollment Location- Continuity**. HB 1188 prohibits a county superintendent of schools from withdrawing a student from enrollment in school due to the student's participation in an alternative learning program. In addition, this bill removes a forestry camp and training school from a list of placements.

Currently, students who are participating in an alternative learning program within the State are not withdrawn from school, rather they are transferred. Local school systems are required to follow the 2016 Maryland Student Records System Manual and use the appropriate transfer code found within the Manual. The transfer process for students within the Juvenile Services Education System (JSES) is the same as the transfer process for all local school systems.

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **HB 1188**. For further information, contact Tiffany Johnson Clark, at (410) 260-6028, or tiffany.clark1@maryland.gov.