

Education Advocacy Coalition for Students with Disabilities

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 1194: PUBLIC SCHOOLS—FEES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES—PROHIBITION

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POSITION: SUPPORT

The Education Advocacy Coalition for Students with Disabilities (EAC), a coalition of more than 25 organizations and individuals concerned with education policy for students with disabilities in Maryland, supports House Bill 1194, which would prohibit local school systems from charging students a fee for enrollment in a summer school course if the student attends school in the local school system, needs credit for the course in order to graduate from high school, and took the course but did not pass it or receive credit for it. This bill is important to students with disabilities who need access to summer school courses in order to remain on track to obtain their diplomas. Their ability to access these courses should not depend on whether their families have the money to pay for summer school courses. Further, House Bill 1194 is consistent with federal and state laws, which mandate a free appropriate public education for all students with disabilities.

For these reasons, the EAC supports House Bill 1194.

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