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HB 1196 County Boards of Education – Blueprint for Maryland's Future Implementation Coordinator – Salary Grant

Bill Hearing: March 7, 2023 at 1:00pm, Appropriations Committee

Chairman Ben Barnes and Vice Chair Mark S. Chang and esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee,

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to support our Maryland public school systems in creating a world-class model to enable our students to reach their highest potential.

This bill would hire an implementation coordinator to make sure that schools across the state are teaching to the standards of the Blueprint and hold them accountable to Blueprint standards. The sole purpose of this position is to make sure the process is going as planned or even better. Once bills are passed, we tend to forget, but with this grant, we will be able to contact someone to see the progress since passing the bill.

Our students are our future, and we need to make sure that their education is being taken care of. Most of our children are enrolled in public schools across the state. By supporting this bill, you will make their experience even better.

Maryland will become one of the best education systems in the country if we continue to support our students and allow them to have access to opportunities that will allow them to grow inside and outside the classroom. This is not just about supporting our education system but investing in the future of our state and the next generation of Marylanders.

I strongly urge a favorable report on House Bill 1196.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Stephanie M. Smith