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**BILL NO.:**            **HB 275**

**TITLE:**              State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Faculty, Part-Time Faculty, and Graduate Assistants

**SPONSOR:**         Delegate Foley

**COMMITTEE:**      Appropriations

**POSITION:**        **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**              February 14, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 275 – State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Faculty, Part-Time Faculty, and Graduate Assistants. This legislation grants organizing and collective bargaining rights to certain faculty and student workers in the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

County Executive John Olszewski is an avid supporter of the empowerment of workers through collective bargaining, and recognizes that unions are the backbone of a strong middle class. Collective bargaining is a vital tool for working families to get a seat at the table and advocate for stronger working conditions with one voice.

House Bill 275 would provide faculty, part-time faculty, and certain graduate students in the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland a uniform system to collectively bargain and form a union. Nowhere is it more important to ensure employees are empowered to collectively bargain than in institutions which receive public funding.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 275. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at [jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov).