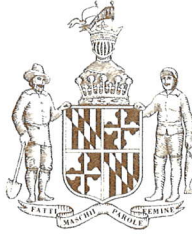


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**SB206**

**Education – Collective Bargaining – Certificated Employees – Class Size**

Good afternoon Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and Members of the Finance Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 206, Collective Bargaining – Certificated Employees – Class Size. Currently, during collective bargaining negotiations the subject of class size is prohibited, SB 206 removes this prohibition and allows the discussion of the maximum number of students assigned to a class to begin.

The fact that class sizes cannot even be brought up during collective bargaining limits our educator's ability to manage their classrooms, ultimately affecting their ability to give our children the individualized attention they deserve.

This bill does not include any mandates or appropriations, and according to its fiscal note it will likely have minimum fiscal impact on the state and local level. The bill does not itself reduce the sizes of our classes, but it simply allows for the conversation to take place.

It is a worthwhile conversation to have, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 206.