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BILL NO.: **HB 427**

TITLE: Higher Education – Community College Facilities Renewal
Grant Program – Alterations

SPONSOR: Delegate Jones

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

POSITION: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

DATE: February 6th, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** House Bill 427 – Higher Education – Community College Facilities Renewal Program – Alterations. This legislation would increase the yearly appropriation to the Community College Construction Grant Program from 5% to 10%. This increase in grant funding would contribute to needed repairs and infrastructure at the campuses of the Community Colleges of Baltimore County.

HB 427 contains language allowing for equal distribution of grants for all community colleges. The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) has three large campuses while many other community colleges have only one campus. The larger the campus, the more repairs and infrastructural needs are required to maintain the campus. Baltimore County would request an amendment that allows the size of the college be taken into consideration when determining the allocation of funds. Under the current bill text, smaller schools with fewer needs will be receiving the same funding as those with proportionally larger needs.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on HB 427 from the House Appropriations Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.