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Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary
Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee

**RE: HB 519 St. Mary's County - Board of Education - Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting
Position: Favorable**

Good afternoon, Chairman Atterbeary, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present **HB 519 St. Mary's County - Board of Education - Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting**

This is a local bill that aims to provide parents with essential information about schools in St. Mary's County. It addresses concerns raised by parents and teachers regarding behavior and violence in classrooms. This data is already being collected for a federal requirement and this bill simply mirrors the requirement for St. Mary's County and require that St. Mary's County Board of Education (BOE) proactively share the comprehensive datasheet with the county delegation, and our County Commissioners as well as display it prominently on their website for easy parental access. Further, it adds additional data fields such as drug and narcan use on school grounds and school busses.

The reason for this legislation is simple. If parents know what is happening in their child's school, they are much more likely to get involved. Many of the problems we face can be fixed with parental involvement. Shouldn't parents know this information?

The bill is supported by the St. Mary's County Delegation and by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners. I request a favorable report.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Matt Morgan
Delegate