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**Testimony in SUPPORT of  
House Bill 1426: Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations**

**Ways and Means Committee**

**Position: Favorable**

February 26, 2024

Strong Schools Maryland supports the faithful implementation and full funding of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. The law gives the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) the responsibility to make recommendations to the legislature regarding proposed changes to provisions of Blueprint law. **Strong Schools Maryland supports House Bill 1426**, on the grounds that it is the AIB's offering of technical changes to the law that we assume will make for the strongest implementation of the Blueprint possible.

HB 1426 should be looked at as a logical step forward in implementing the Blueprint—one of many that will be necessary as the circumstances of implementation shift and we collectively learn from the challenges and triumphs of our school communities.

**For these reasons, we urge a favorable report on House Bill 1426.**

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