



March 27, 2024

SUPPORT – SB1102 - Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Anne Arundel Early Childhood Coalition, I am writing in support of SB1102 - Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations to make needed changes to the Blueprint to ensure it is working for all children as it intends. The Early Childhood Childcare Taskforce is a group of stakeholders who work within the early childhood education field including government agencies, childcare providers, and nonprofits. Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman signed the executive order in February 2024 to create the taskforce, showing Anne Arundel’s commitment to solving issues related to the childcare industry. This bill will address issues for early childhood educators in implementing the Blueprint and also expand the Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Education Enhancement Program and the Patty Centers.

We fully support the expansion of the Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Education Enhancement Program and Patty Centers. Both of these programs support our most vulnerable populations and directly meet the needs of families. Anne Arundel has 2 Judy Centers and 3 Family Support Centers. These centers are supporting families in our low income neighborhoods with resources and support for our youngest learners. We hope this expansion will bring more of these centers into Anne Arundel County, and there is a need in other areas of our county.

We urge you to support SB1102 - Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations to support early childhood educators and the Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Education Enhancement Program and Patty Centers in Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P M Brown".

Pamela M. Brown, PhD
Chair