

**BILL:** Senate Bill 506  
**TITLE:** Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Use of Reimbursement Funds by Schools  
**HEARING DATE:** March 5, 2025  
**POSITION:** UNFAVORABLE  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Energy, and the Environment\Finance  
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all the state's local boards of education, opposes Senate Bill 506, Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Use of Reimbursement Funds by Schools.

MABE believes the principle of local governance by boards of education is fundamental to a sound system of public education. This bill imposes a local government mandate. This legislation would require elementary schools, secondary schools, and county school systems to use certain funds received for services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program to provide additional positions for providers, paid internships for students seeking to become providers, stipends designed to address problems and for providers working in low-performing schools.

The needs of local school districts vary greatly from one school system to another and the local governance authority of boards of education in Maryland is continuously challenged by state initiatives. That authority is also challenged by legislation that dictates how county school systems must use reimbursement funds in accordance with new state implementation regulations.

For these reasons, **MABE respectfully requests an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 506.**

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