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BILL: Senate Bill 602
TITLE: County Boards of Education - Special Education Service Delivery Models - Publication Requirement
HEARING DATE: March 26, 2025
POSITION: UNFAVORABLE
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing the state's local boards of education, opposes Senate Bill 602, County Boards of Education - Special Education Service Delivery Models - Publication Requirement.

As the voice of Maryland's 24 local boards, 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, requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally-placed private school students.

The implementation realities for such an initiative vary greatly from one district to another, and this bill would impose a one-size-fits-all statewide change to local district planning and processes. MABE believes such considerations should reside with the local board and school system administration.

For these reasons, MABE respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT for Senate Bill 602.**