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**TO:** House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
**BILL:** House Bill (HB) 640 - Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions - Revisions  
**DATE:** February 24, 2026  
**POSITION:** Letter of Support

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The Maryland State Board of Education (State Board) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) are providing testimony in support of **HB 640**, which modernizes and streamlines the State's statutory requirements for specific reports, advisory boards, and commissions.

**HB 640** restructures outdated, duplicative, and obsolete reporting requirements and modernizes membership structures for certain commissions that no longer reflect a clear or relevant purpose for all members. For example, the bill preserves and strengthens structures that effectively support good governance and accountability by replacing an outdated specialized intervention report with one aligned with the newly adopted statewide [Comprehensive PreK-3 Literacy Policy](#). These revisions reduce administrative burden while maintaining essential oversight and strategic planning functions.

Importantly, **HB 640** enhances clarity in State law and allows the State Board, MSDE, and our community partners to better focus resources on activities that benefit Maryland residents. By aligning statutory requirements with current needs and eliminating antiquated provisions, this bill supports a more responsive and effective government.

The State Board and the Department respectfully urge the Committee to give **HB 640** a favorable report. For further information, please contact Laurel Cratsley, Interim Executive Director of Government Affairs, at [laurel.cratsley@maryland.gov](mailto:laurel.cratsley@maryland.gov)