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**BILL NO.:**           **HB 719**

**TITLE:**             Higher Education – Transfer Students – Courses Counting  
                          Toward Chosen Degree

**SPONSOR:**         Delegate Hornberger

**COMMITTEE:**      Appropriations

**POSITION:**        **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**             February 25, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 719 – Higher Education – Transfer Students – Courses Counting Toward Chosen Degree, which would require the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop and implement an agreement that would offer transfer students from community colleges certain course offerings free of charge under certain circumstances.

It has become increasingly clear over the past few decades that a college education has become necessary for a successful career in many fields. At the same time, that education has become less accessible. HB 719 seeks to make it easier for transfer students from community colleges to get their degrees. The transfer process can be extremely difficult for an individual trying to get their degree, especially if they are unfamiliar with the university’s bureaucracy and registration process.

Passing this legislation would guarantee that the courses the transfer student took at a community college would count towards their degree, or grants them access to a substitute course at no cost to the student. This legislation would make a college degree more accessible to people trying to get their degrees.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 719. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.