



House Appropriations
TESTIMONY

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BILL: HB 775-Collective Bargaining - Baltimore City Community College - Faculty

POSITION: OPPOSE

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges representing all of Maryland's 16 community colleges, which includes Baltimore City Community College (BCCC), opposes collective bargaining legislation without the inclusion of sufficient State aid or a commitment by local funding authorities. In this case, for Baltimore City to adequately provide funding for costs associated with collective bargaining negotiations based on the premise of "Good Faith Bargaining" means adequate funding would have to be available to bargain without eliminating programs or raising tuition.

Currently, next year's fiscal appropriation for BCCC indicates a 0.1% loss of revenue. In addition, the Governor's proposed BRFA legislation would only add to fiscal uncertainty by eliminating the CADE formula. If enacted, the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) Analysts have indicated that community colleges could lose \$120 Million by FY2025 if enacted. This would eliminate any support for affordability and add to student debt before the cost of collective bargaining is considered.

MACC fully supports BCCC's position to oppose this legislation.