BILL: Senate Bill 983
TITLE: Education - Maryland Data Analysis and Accountability Program - Established
DATE: February 26, 2020
POSITION: OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's boards of education, opposes Senate Bill 983.

This bill would create a new Maryland Data Analysis and Accountability Program within the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center (MLDS Center) with the purpose of analyzing and evaluating the implementation Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation currently before the Maryland General Assembly.

MABE is supporting the passage of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (HB 1300/SB 1000), comprehensive education reform legislation which proposes to mandate an unprecedented expansion planning, reporting, and accountability requirements on local school systems. These proposed requirements extend to staffing, instruction, curriculum, and many other facets of school system governance and administration.

In this context, local boards of education are respectfully requesting that the General Assembly not adopt any additional reporting requirements or establish any other new programs at this time.

For these reasons, MABE requests an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 983.