



Finance Committee

TESTIMONY

Submitted by

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BILL: SB 70 – Correctional Institutions - Correctional Education Council - Mandatory Education Program Requirements

POSITION: Support

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges ("MACC") representing all of Maryland's 16 community colleges support SB 70, which requires inmates in correctional institutions to participate in a certain mandatory educational program. Essentially, the bill requires participation in already established educational programs, which our community colleges capably already offer at our correctional institutional facilities.

Currently, AACC, Hagerstown Community College, and Wor-Wic Community Colleges offer programming for inmates to either receive their diploma/GED or enhance their workforce skills. All of our existing programs enhance the inmate's employment potential once they are released. Our community colleges also have the ability to expand workforce skill training programs to meet current market force needs, if so desired by the Correctional Education Council.

The legislation has the capacity of meeting the needs of the individual and the State of Maryland's diverse economic workforce.