

**HB0207 - Baltimore City Community College - Procurement Authority
Delegate Melissa Wells**

Health and Government Operations Committee

February 4, 2020

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Madam Chair and members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to appear before the committee today to testify in **support of HB0207 – Baltimore City Community College – Procurement Authority with Friendly Amendments.**

HB0207 would promote procurement regulation designed to keep contracts accountable, low-cost, and would work towards ending the abuse of procurement. HB0207 would create an exemption for Baltimore City Community College from certain provisions of State procurement law, while establishing that the Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees must develop policies and procedures governing procurement. These policies and procedures would be subject to review and approval by the Board of Public Works and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee of the General Assembly.

However, while I am in support of HB0207, and I believe that Baltimore City Community College is vital to our communities, as currently drafted, this bill would allow Baltimore City Community College to have unfavorable exemptions. I have offered the following amendments:

- Baltimore City Community College will not be exempt from Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article 17 (prevailing wage)
- Baltimore City Community College will not be exempt from Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article title 18 (service contracts)
- Baltimore City Community College will not be exemption from Maryland's living wage law in Title 18 of State and Finance Procurement