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BILL NO.: **SB 903**

TITLE: **Immigration Enforcement – Public Schools, Hospitals, and
Courthouses - Policies**

SPONSOR: **Senator Smith**

COMMITTEE: **Judicial Proceedings**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **February 26, 2020**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 903– Immigration Enforcement – Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses – Policies. This bill authorizes public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to establish and publish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their respective premises to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and State law based on guidelines developed by the Attorney General.

Baltimore County’s diversity is one its greatest strengths. Immigrants contribute tremendously to the County’s economy and culture. Additionally, despite fearmongering allegations to the contrary, foreign-born residents pay taxes and statistically commit less crime than native-born residents.

It has become disturbingly clear that recent activities taken by immigration enforcement officials has endangered not just dangerous criminals, but families trying to live their lives. Parents who wish to send their children in Baltimore County Public Schools are forced to choose between their children’s security and education. Passing SB 903 will ensure that immigrant families in Baltimore County feel safe enrolling and sending their children to school every day.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 903. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.