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HB 599 Baltimore County Board of Education - Student Member - Selection

Honorable Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and Members of the Committee:

I am happy to introduce to you House Bill 599 Baltimore County Board of Education – Student Member – Selection. This bill will require that the Student Member of the Baltimore County Board of Education be appointed based on a direct election among the student body.

Currently, in Baltimore County, the practice is to hold an election for the Student Member among the student body, the winner of which is appointed to the position. However, the Student Member of the Board is appointed by board which could ultimately reject the elected student and appoint a student of their own choosing. This bill simply codifies this existing practice.

HB 599will make the processes of appointing the Student Member of the Board completely democratic affair.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 599

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