



## HB1450 EDUCATION - FOOD WASTE GRANT PROGRAM - ESTABLISHED

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

### SUPPORT

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports **HB1450 Education - Food Waste Grant Program - Established**. This bill establishes a Food Waste Grant Program in the State to which a county board of education or a public school may apply for a grant. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) must establish and administer the program, but the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education must review grant applications and select program awardees. Beginning in fiscal 2022, the Governor must include \$250,000 for the program in the annual State budget.

AACPS endorses consideration of all available revenue options to support Maryland's public schools. This legislation would provide another funding source to support public education, particularly as it relates to environmental literacy, while also providing a service to the community. AACPS recognizes the importance of developing a healthy school environment, which promotes student health, well-being, and the ability to learn.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB1450.