



TESTIMONY

**Submitted by
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HB0096 – Education - High School Graduation Requirements - Application

Position: Support

Harford Community College fully supports HB 46, Education – Student Horizon Database and Scorecard (Students Right to Know Act of 2021), for the development of a Student Horizon Scorecard designed to help high school students and their parents more easily understand the cost of higher education in order to make the best choices possible from a financial standpoint.

By requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain agencies, to annually collect information about the most in-demand jobs in the State, cost of attendance, monthly student loan payments, student 3-year loan default rate, graduation completion rate, for all postsecondary education and private career schools in the state, students and families can make better decisions about their career paths, including the financial liability the student will most likely face after completion.

Providing students and their families with the completion rates and average starting salary information of students who are enrolled in apprenticeship programs, credential programs, and career technical programs will allow students to make thoughtful and informed decisions about their futures.

I support this legislation and hope that you will consider providing your support as well. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 443-412-2475 or tfelder@harford.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Theresa B. Felder'.

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