



House Health and Governmental Affairs Committee

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Bill: HB 770 Baltimore City Community College - Procurement Authority

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges representing Maryland's 16 community colleges fully supports HB 770 which exempts Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) from certain provisions of State procurement law. BCCC is the only college of our member institutions governed by State procurement laws.

The existing provisions of divisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article have hindered BCCC's efforts to effectively secure technology equipment and programs for their college. The State's oversight report with accompanying recommendations from the Shaefer Center identified this issue. HB 770 would remedy this situation.

Essentially BCCC is seeking the same exemption granted for public improvement to numerous agencies and higher education agencies including University System of Maryland, Morgan State and St. Mary's College of Maryland. If this is granted the Board of Public Works and State Board of Contract Appeals still retain authority over contract claims related to procurement contracts awarded by BCCC. Basically, this legislation reduced the bureaucracy leading to more efficient management of the college. MACC requests a favorable report on this bill.