



Ways and Means Committee

**Submitted by
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Bill: HB 700 - Education – Disruption of School Activities – Repeal of Prohibition

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges opposes HB 700 that deletes the current prohibition against persons willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of activities, administration, or classes of any institution of elementary, secondary or higher education.

Students who have limited time and resources to pursue their education should not be impacted by disruptive or disorderly conduct. Students in a classroom setting have limited options when confronted with disruptions. They are not free to leave or remove themselves from disorderly or disruptive conduct.

All 16 of Maryland's community colleges have designated areas for demonstrations, protests and delivery of speech. There is no need to allow students or outside individuals to disrupt the activities of others in order to make their voices heard.