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HARFORD COUNTY DELEGATION

January 27, 2021

The Honorable Anne Kaiser, Chair and Members

Ways & Means Committee

Re: **HB 283 - Harford County - Board of Education – Term of Appointed Members**

Position: **Favorable**

Chair Kaiser and W&M Committee Members:

Harford County currently has a hybrid school board with 11 members:

- 6 members elected by councilmanic districts, whose terms begin on the first Monday in December after the Gubernatorial election.
- 3 at large members appointed by the Governor, whose terms begin July 1 after the Gubernatorial election.
- 1 student member
- The school superintendent is an ex officio member

(all of them serve four year terms)

HB 283 as amended, temporarily changes the terms of the next Harford County School Board Appointed Members beginning July 1, 2023.

- The three members appointed by the Governor after the 2022 Gubernatorial election, will have a **two year term**, ending June 30, 2025.
- The three members appointed by the Governor in 2025 shall convert back to a **four year term**, starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

The purpose of HB 283 is to put the Elected and Appointed Members on a staggered schedule.

- Elected members run in the general election during the Gubernatorial Election Year.
- Appointed members are appointed by the Governor following the Presidential Election Year.

I respectfully ask for a Favorable vote on **HB 283 Harford County - Board of Education – Term of Appointed Members** which is a Harford County Delegation Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Reilly", written over a horizontal line.

Teresa Reilly

Chair

Harford County Delegation