



**HB1365 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT
COUNT – ALTERATIONS**

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1365 Primary and Secondary Education – Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment Count – Alterations**. This bill alters the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 12 on September 30, December 31, March 31, and the last day of the prior school year.

Currently, the law stipulates that the prior year September 30 student enrollment count or the three year rolling average, whichever is greater would determine the “full-time equivalent enrollment.” This legislation would change the calculation to the average number of student enrollment on September 30, December 31, March 31 and the last day of school.

This bill would present a number of challenges. It would delay the final State and county funding appropriations until after the prior school year is over, thus delaying implementation of the next school year’s budget. If a school system loses student enrollment throughout the school year, this bill would reduce State and county revenue to a school district. AACPS opposes any revenue reductions associated with declining student enrollment due to COVID-19.

Without knowing enrollments on December 31, March 31 and the last day of school, it is difficult to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation. However, any decrease in student enrollment after September 30 would result in a loss of revenue for AACPS.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1365.