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In Support of HB 95 : Anne Arundel County (AAC) Board of Ed. (BOE) – Meeting Reqs. and Officers

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support revising the Anne Arundel BOE requirements, and setting a time threshold of 10pm for decisions being made at AAC BOE meetings.

In light of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and current political climate in the county, meetings have been a bit long and many parents have not been able to attend for the duration of the proceedings. Meetings have stretched on for as many as 8-10 hours at times. A lot of very important decisions have been made related to budget, curriculum, policies/procedures, face masks, vaccinations, etc. It's unreasonable to expect board members and the public to keep their focus for that length of time, and well after 10pm in the evening. Establishing a time limit for decisions, as well as a Parliamentary is a good next step within the BOE process.

We trust that these changes will help to further support the BOE members and the process of improving our schools. The future success and health of all of our students depends on many necessary improvements and supports being in place, during these unusual times, as we begin the long tasks related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Thank you all for supporting the education, health and wellbeing of all Anne Arundel County students.

Please support House Bill 95 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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