



**HB1045 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – ENROLLMENT COUNT – AVERAGE DAILY
ATTENDANCE**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1045 Primary and Secondary Education – Enrollment Count – Average Daily Attendance**. This bill defines the term “average daily attendance” for purposes of calculating certain funding for primary and secondary education. It alters the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” to include the average daily attendance of students in kindergarten through Grade 12 on school days in September through December of the prior school year.

AACPS opposes adjustments to the various funding formulas that would adversely impact AACPS’ ability to deliver instruction and supports to our students. This bill would penalize school districts for students who are out sick or absent for a variety of reasons. Under this legislation, the calculation utilized to determine the full-time equivalent enrollment would result in school systems receiving State and local revenue for less public school students. This bill would have a negative fiscal impact on AACPS as it would reduce our total enrollment which would, in turn, impact the district’s State and local funding. AACPS estimates that the district would lose approximately \$15,000 per student that would not be counted under the proposed definition “full-time equivalent enrollment.” AACPS opposes any revenue reductions associated with declining student enrollment due to COVID-19.

AACPS is also concerned about the impact this bill would have on educational equity for the district’s underserved student populations. AACPS supports adequate funding that will help school systems provide every student equitable access to the educational rigor, resources, and supports that are designed to maximize the student’s academic success and social and emotional well-being. The district is concerned that this bill would have the opposite impact on our school system and students.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1045.