



House Bill 633

Education – Accountability and Implementation Board - Members

Position: **SUPPORT**

Date: March 3, 2022

To: Ways & Means Committee

The Caroline County Commissioners **SUPPORT** HB633, Education – Accountability and Implementation Board - Membership. This bill pertains to geographic diversity in membership on Maryland’s Kirwan Commission Accountability and Implementation Board.

It is imperative that all regions of the state of Maryland are represented equally on any matters concerning and pertaining to state education. Previously, there was not a representative from the Eastern Shore on the board, whereas Baltimore City and Montgomery County has had multiple representatives. While this legislation is a step in the right direction, the Caroline County Commissioners believe that one representative from the Eastern Shore is the bare minimum for a board that impacts all Counties within the State, especially disparity counties.

Of the eleven members of the board:

- One member shall be a resident of Western Maryland
- One member shall be a resident of Southern Maryland
- One member shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore
- There shall be one member from each of the five counties with the largest student populations in the state, which are Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George’s Counties and Baltimore City

This is a county request that will ensure there is diversity and equality on Maryland’s Kirwan Commission Accountability and Implementation Board.

In closing, the Caroline County Commissioners support HB633 as the Commissioners are against any board that makes decisions for our County or region without having any representation or voice. With this, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 633.

Sincerely,

Larry Porter
President
Caroline County Commissioners