HB1124 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION - LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS - BUDGET REPORTING

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OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1124 Primary and Secondary Education - Local School Systems - Budget Reporting**. This bill requires each local school system, on or before November 1 and March 1 from 2022 through 2032, to report to the Accountability and Implementation Board on all expenditures in the local school system's annual budget, disaggregated by each major budget category. It requires the Board to provide a local government with a copy of the report on request.

This legislation is unnecessary and duplicative as Section 5-106 of the Education Article currently requires school districts to produce and submit a similar report to their respective local governments. This bill could result in additional staff time if the format and requested data differs from what is currently provided to local governments. AACPS opposes legislation that would increases staff workload and require staff to unnecessarily duplicate efforts.

AACPS would also like to point out that the Blueprint for Maryland's Future has been in effect for less than a year and consists of numerous reporting requirements and accountability measures, including those related to school system budgets.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an UNFAVORABLE committee report on HB1124.