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**BILL NO.:** Senate Bill 414

**TITLE:** Baltimore County - Board of Education - Election of Officers

**SPONSOR:** Senator Sydnor

**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** March 24, 2022

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 414 – Baltimore County - Board of Education - Election of Officers. This legislation would alter the number of votes required to elect the main leadership positions on the Baltimore County Board of Education.

As a former Baltimore County educator, County Executive John Olszewski understands that the educational needs of each and every student are unique to their communities and regional backgrounds. Locally-informed leadership is critical if a school board is to effectively represent its students in a manner that is unique to the needs of the community. Therefore, the County Executive is uniquely positioned to appoint a qualified member to the board of education.

SB 414 will give the County Executive an appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education. Keeping the Board's membership selection local ensures that those serving on the school board represent the unique perspectives of County residents. This legislation will also make adjustments that would assist the board in selecting a leader that represents a majority of the members' views.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 414. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs, at [jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov).