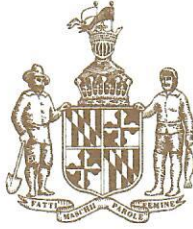


TODD B. MORGAN
Legislative District 29C
Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

Environment and Transportation
Committee



The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 215
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-841-3319 · 301-858-3319
800-492-7122 Ext. 3319
Todd.Morgan@house.state.md.us

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 28, 2023

The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB581 – Creditable Service – Historic St. Mary's City

Good afternoon, Chairman, Vice-Chair, and members of the Appropriations Committee:

I present for you today, HB 581 – Creditable Service – Historic St. Mary's City for your consideration. This bill allows employees of Historic St. Mary's City Commission (HSMCC) to include 11 years of service credited to the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) to instead be credited to the Maryland State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program. The years of service credited to the ORP were counted in error due to the belief by HR that HSMCC was affiliated with St. Mary's College of Maryland. The purpose of this action is so that their full cumulative years of service are counted toward the calculation for of retirement and benefits.

Testifying today before the committee are Porzia Purves and Ruth Mitchell, employees of HSMCC, to explain the issue from personal experience. Their testimony is also written for the record.

Thank you for your consideration and I request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Todd B. Morgan'.

Todd B. Morgan
Delegate, Calvert/St. Mary's Counties (29C)