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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Senate Bill 297 – Community Colleges – Capital Projects – State Share Adjustment

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Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and members of the committee,

The purpose of this bill is to relieve some of the financial burden that some of our smaller counties, particularly the county I represent of Garrett County regarding their capital projects for the community colleges. Currently, Garrett County shares a split of 50/50 with the state government when capital projects are undertaken. This creates a financial strain as Garrett County is the poorest and smallest jurisdiction. As such this bill changes the financial split from 50/50 to 89/11 in line with neighboring Allegany County. I ask for a favorable consideration on Senate Bill 297.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike McKay

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