

Testimony for the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Monday, February 20th, 2023

**SB 491 – Charles County Board of Education - School Bus Contractor Employees -
Negotiations**

FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and committee members,

My name is Earl T. Beatty and I support bill SB0491 because Charles County is a joint employer that has created a dual employment system: DRIVERS AND ATTENDANTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY WHO GET ALL THE BENEFITS AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE THEN THERE ARE THE DRIVERS AND ATTENDANTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTORS WHO ARE KEPT IN POVERTY.

Respectfully,

Earl Beatty