

Testimony from Stephanie Ullmann Baltimore City Public Schools Teacher, District
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SB206: Education - Collective Bargaining - Certificated Employees - Class Size

Official Testimony

Position: **FAVORABLE**

My name is Stephanie Ullmann, and I'm a Baltimore resident and a member of the Baltimore Teachers Union. I support HB85/SB0206.

This bill will repeal the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the maximum number of students assigned to a class.

Passing this bill is essential because small class sizes have a positive impact on student achievement. This year, my largest class has 25 students compared to last year, when my largest class had 33 students, and all but 1 of my classes had over 30 students. The difference is palpable. On their most recent essay, 99% of my freshmen students submitted an essay that received a passing grade, compared to 88% last year. While I know there are many variables, I believe one of them was small class size, which allowed me to target the students most in need of support. I was able to reach all students for 1-on-1 conferencing; this was not always possible last year.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB0206.

Sincerely,

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