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**BILL NO.:**           **HB 175**

**TITLE:**             Baltimore County Board of Education - Student Member -  
Voting

**SPONSOR:**        Delegate Ebersole

**COMMITTEE:**     Education, Energy, and the Environment

**POSITION:**       **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**             March 29, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 175 – Baltimore County Board of Education – Student Member – Voting. This legislation would authorize the student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education to vote on capital and operating budget matters.

As a former student member and the parent of a BCPS student, County Executive Olszewski knows the critical insight student members provide as the representative most impacted by decisions made by the Board. Student members understand how young residents live their day-to-day lives and see firsthand the impacts administrative policy have on their education. These students are selected by their peers because they have proven to be capable of understanding a wide range of complex issues and possess the leadership qualities to address them head-on.

Today’s students are more engaged and informed than ever before. Young people are leading the way in civil advocacy and business innovation. Student members have a proven track record of exhibiting prudence and responsibility in budgetary, contractual, and system-wide matters. These dedicated civil servants deserve to have their voices empowered on issues that will undeniably have a direct effect on their educational experience moving forward.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 175. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at [jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov).