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### **HB 782 - SUPPORT**

Education - Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education - Powers and Notifications

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice-Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

This bill clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education and enables the IG to act more independently of potential political pressures. The increases in government funding of private schools with ideological agendas and the enactment of additional laws complicates the enforcement of education institution related government laws and regulations. The current law describing the roles and responsibilities IG is inadequate. Secular Maryland calls on the General Assembly to pass this law.

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