

school, coordinating with school leadership, monitoring implementation, and monitoring the expenditures of the Concentration of Poverty Grant that supports the Community school activities.

With the current management responsibilities of the Community Schools Coordinator, it would not be possible to take on the determination of eligibility and the facilitation of direct payments. The Community School Coordinator cannot facilitate payments for a program managed by a State Agency. MSDE believes the addition of this responsibility will compromise the coordinator's ability to perform their existing duties and serve their school community in a maximally effective manner.

Proposed Amendments (Third Reader)

Page 3, lines 30-31, and Page 4, lines 1-2, in place of the removed language, insert:

(IV) Providing information about the availability of the rental assistance program to families, including eligibility requirements, and how to apply.

Page 7, strike lines 12-15 and replace with:

(F) The Community Schools Coordinator, a local school, or a local school system shall provide verification of student enrollment, and inclusion in the compensatory education enrollment, or eligibility for McKinney Vento Assistance.

With these amendments, MSDE supports the creation of the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Fund.

The State Board requests that the committee consider this information on **HB 428**. Please contact Dr. Akilah Alleyne, Executive Director of Government Affairs, Education Policy, and Government Relations, at Akilah.alleyne@maryland.gov or at 410-767-0504 or Zach Hands, Executive Director of the State Board, at Zachary.hands1@maryland.gov or at 443-915-6094, if you would like any additional information.