

FAVORABLE
Senate Bill 638
Education – Student Service Hours – Financial Literacy Course

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The Maryland State Education Association supports Senate Bill 638, which would require each county board of education to allow completion of an eligible financial literacy course to be applied toward fulfillment of the student service hours high school graduation requirement for the number of hours determined by the county board.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Promoting financial literacy among students is a laudable goal, and one that each county board across our state approaches differently. We appreciate that this innovative bill offers an incentive for students to take financial literacy-related coursework without imposing a mandate on local curriculum or courses offered. This is a thoughtful approach that we are optimistic will have a positive impact for Maryland students.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 638.