



**Testimony to the Senate Budget & Taxation and Education, Energy, & the Environment
Committees
In OPPOSITION to
Senate Bill 984: Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Alterations**

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The Coalition for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Blueprint coalition) is a statewide group of more than 50 organizations within and beyond the realm of education, all focused on ensuring the Blueprint is fully funded and implemented with fidelity. **The Blueprint Coalition stands in firm opposition to Senate Bill 984: Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Alterations**

SB984 makes major changes to the administrative and implementation monitoring authorities of the Blueprint Accountability and Implementation Board, Maryland State Department of Education, and local county boards of education, often placing major provisions of Blueprint implementation and accountability monitoring into the same hands.

The bill also continues to limit student participation in dually-enrolled courses by capping course load and limiting the times of year high school students can be dually enrolled, in direct conflict with the intent of pillar 3 of the Blueprint law.

SB984 threatens the stability of Blueprint implementation at a time when the AIB and MSDE are finally working well together. For those reasons, the undersigned members of **the Blueprint Coalition urge an unfavorable report.**

Strong Schools Maryland
Maryland Center on Economic Policy
Maryland Out of School Time Network (MOST)
Maryland Coalition for Community Schools
Maryland Alliance for Racial Equity In Education (MAREE)
Bard High School Early College Baltimore
Maryland State Education Association
Baltimore Teachers Union, Local 340, AFT, AFL-CIO

League of Women Voters of Maryland
Maryland Education Coalition
ACLU of Maryland
Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS)