



*The Maryland Department of the Environment  
Secretary Serena McIlwain*

*House Bill 993- Commemorative Weeks - Maryland Climate Education Week*

**Position:** Support

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

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **SUPPORTS** HB 993.

**Bill Summary**

The bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim the first week of April as Maryland Climate Education Week. The proclamation would urge Marylanders to participate in educational activities and initiatives that promote an awareness of climate change and take action toward the State's climate commitments.

**Position Rationale**

MDE supports environmental education and climate change action for people of all ages. This bill would encourage all Marylanders, including Maryland's youth, to become more aware of climate change and participate in activities that further positive action. The bill would also encourage schools, local governments, state agencies, private organizations, and higher education institutions to host educational workshops and events. Finally, the bill aligns with one of the recommendations from the 2023 Maryland Commission on Climate Change Annual Report.

Accordingly, MDE urges a **FAVORABLE** report for HB 993.

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