

Senate Bill 81
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Unfavorable Report
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My name is Genesis Ingal, and I am a Nursing Student at the College of Southern Maryland, and I have lived in Lexington Park in St. Mary's County for four years now.

It is my understanding that SB 81 would put limitations on the accessibility, affordability, and flexibility that me and my fellow students currently have in pursuing our education – and a better life – so I am asking for an unfavorable report of Senate Bill 81.

I attend CSM because of its diversified student body, great scholarship opportunities, incredible programs, and its environment to connect and network with the entire Southern Maryland region. From my first day at CSM, I have attended classes at all of the college's campuses, and online, because I needed to attend classes that were compatible with my schedule. And most of my classes are specialized because I am in the nursing program.

For instance, I took Anatomy and Physiology classes and labs, Microbiology Lecture and Lab, and two other classes at the Prince Frederick Campus in Calvert County. I took my Statistics and Chemistry and two other classes at the La Plata Campus in Charles County.

And I took many of my General Education classes and Professional Nursing classes at the Leonardtown Campus in St. Mary's County because those classes best suited by schedule. The rest of my classes I took online.

Now that I have finished all my nursing pre-requisites, I attend classes at CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus in Charles County because that is where the new Center for

Health Sciences is located. At that campus me and my classmates have an incredible opportunity to experience a real-life learning environment with input and guidance from expert health care providers from all three counties.

I succeed at CSM because of the flexibility of choices provided online and in person. I also serve as the Leonardtown Campus Student Government Association President – and as the students’ representative, it is my experience, that most of my fellow students also attend classes in all three counties.

I hope my testimony sheds light on how CSM students approach our studies. I hope you make the right decision to allow my community college to continue to provide outstanding programming and support services to those of us who need access to affordable and flexible education opportunities across all three counties. Thank you.

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