

23/24-GA-\_\_ - SB0762

**Title:** *Education - Maryland Civic Excellence Program - Established*

**Sponsored by:** Senator Kagan and Senator Ready

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

**FOR** establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; and requiring by July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter, each participating local school system to submit to the Department a report on the Program in the most recent school year.

**Proposed Position: SUPPORT**

**Resolution:** *23/24-GA-\_\_ Co-authored by Mara Babb, Brenton Meade, and Daphne Wang, the 2023-24 MASC State Legislative Affairs Coordinators; Diana Bonilla-Prado, Nora Murthy, and Meerub Malik*

WHEREAS, MASC unanimously supported this bill in the 2023 Legislative Session, and

WHEREAS, this bill would encourage more students to engage themselves civically which would increase civic engagement while recognizing student achievement, and

WHEREAS, this bill would intrinsically award students by allowing for self-reflection, civic efficacy, and increased societal engagement, and

WHEREAS, this bill encourages involvement in student-ran civic organizations to keep youth informed on the legislative process, and

WHEREAS, MASC supports “School based programs and related activities that encourage civic participation” (MASC Platform, Plank II; J), be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports SB0762.