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*Environmental Protection and Restoration  
Environmental Education*

## **House Bill 993**

Commemorative Weeks - Maryland Climate Education Week

Date: March 14, 2024

To: House Government Operations Committee

Position: **Favorable**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** HB 993, which would require the Governor to annually declare the first week of April Maryland Climate Education Week. The proclamation would encourage Marylanders to participate in educational activities and take actions to move Maryland towards its ambitious climate goals.

Left unchecked, climate change threatens Bay recovery, our economy, and our very existence. But there's still time to change course, protect the Bay, and save our planet. Since humans were the cause, we must also be the solution. But it will take all of us—in the Bay watershed and around the world—to make that change last. Declaring a week every year for Marylanders to educate themselves about climate change and take meaningful action will help elevate awareness among our residents both of the immense challenge of addressing climate change and the concrete steps we can all take to do our part.

**CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 993.**

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