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**BILL NO.:**            **SB 451**

**TITLE:**                Baltimore County Board of Education – Nonstudent Member  
                              Compensation and Student Member Scholarships – Alterations

**SPONSOR:**            Senator Brooks

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

**POSITION:**           **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**                February 28, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 451 – Baltimore County Board of Education – Nonstudent Member Compensation and Student Member Scholarships - Alterations. This legislation increases the annual compensation for nonstudent members of the Baltimore County Board of Education from \$7,500 to \$16,500. Additionally, it raises the salary of the Chair to \$17,500 and increases the scholarship for the Student Member from \$6,500 to \$10,000.

The current compensation provided to Baltimore County Board of Education members insufficiently reflects the time and responsibility required of the roles. The Board meets twice per month for several hours at a time, engages in school visits, ribbon cuttings, press events, and other activities across the County. Furthermore, Baltimore County’s Board of Education currently lags behind other counties in offering compensation packages to Board Members.

Providing Board of Education members with a reasonable wage increase signifies the critical role of the individuals who commit their time and energy to the betterment of Baltimore County Public Schools. County Executive Olszewski, having served as the Student Member of the Board, understands the dedication required by Board members. The increase in the scholarship for the Student Member provides meaningful compensation as the cost of higher education has increased.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 451 from the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at [jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov).