

Education Advocacy Coalition

for Students with Disabilities

SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL 62: Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth
DATE: JANUARY 15, 2025
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Education Advocacy Coalition for Students with Disabilities (EAC), a coalition of nearly 50 organizations and individuals concerned with education policy for students with disabilities in Maryland, provides this testimony in support of Senate Bill 62 with amendments. Senate Bill 62 would establish a task force on education funding and student population growth.

The EAC supports the establishment of such a task force to analyze challenges related to student enrollment counts and its effect on school funding and the connection between growing student populations and the provision of school funding, and to make recommendations to improve the provision of school funding. These challenges are particularly pertinent to funding for students with disabilities who receive special education services. Therefore, the EAC suggests that the membership of the task force be expanded to include at least one individual with expertise related to students with disabilities and special education. This perspective will be critical to the success of the task force and the development of recommendations that will improve funding for all student populations.

For these reasons, the EAC supports Senate Bill 62 with amendments.

To discuss or if you have questions, please contact Leslie Seid Margolis, Co-Chairperson, at lesliem@disabilityrightsmd.org or 410-370-5730.

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