

TO: Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment

BILL: House Bill (HB) 782 – *Study on Detecting Deadly Weapons in Public Middle and High Schools*

DATE: March 27, 2025

POSITION: Support

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the State Board of Education support **House Bill (HB) 782 – *Study on Detecting Deadly Weapons in Public Middle and High Schools***. MSDE appreciates the work done with the House legislators to amend the bill.

HB 782 mandates a study by the Maryland Center for School Safety in improving deadly weapons detection in public middle and high schools. The study will comprehensively audit current security infrastructure, evaluating existing measures and identifying areas needing improvement.

MSDE respectfully requests that you consider this letter of support as you discuss and deliberate **HB 782**. For further information, please contact Dr. Akilah Alleyne (Executive Director of Government Affairs) at 410-767-0504, or Akilah.alleyne@maryland.gov.