

BILL: House Bill 772
TITLE: Education - Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students - Alterations
HEARING DATE: April 2, 2025
POSITION: UNFAVORABLE
COMMITTEE: Education, Energy and the Environment
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing the state's local boards of education, opposes House Bill 772, Education - Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students – Alterations.

MABE's opposition to this bill is grounded in the association's adopted legislative positions, including any efforts by the General Assembly to legislate curriculum or matters inconsistent with MABE's adopted resolutions and legislative positions. MABE opposes legislation that would infringe on local control and impose mandates.

The 24 school districts in Maryland each depend upon the ability to make sound, fiscal and scheduling decisions based upon local needs. MABE recognizes that career coaching is an essential resource for students in middle and high schools in our state. While the purpose of this program is to provide those students with individualized career counseling services, however, students in many districts have not received high-quality career opportunities during the initial implementation phase of this program. MABE believes local school districts should have the discretion to address these challenges and oversee the programs internally across their local districts.

For these reasons, MABE respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT for House Bill 772**.