



**SB0283**

Students With Financial Need - College Preparatory Programs - Exam Fee Prohibition

Whereas AP students are more likely to enroll in a four-year college compared to academically similar students who did not take AP in high school<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas AP classes allow for students to gain college credit and stand out on college applications; and

Whereas college preparatory programs such as Advanced Placement classes and International Baccalaureate programs can be highly expensive and inaccessible for students; and

Whereas in Harford County Public Schools only 23.5% of students enrolled in AP classes are FARMs compared to roughly 36.6% of the students in HCPS being FARMs<sup>2</sup>; however

Whereas this bill would require the local school board to pay for this without the any support from the state government; and

Whereas this would require a substantial part of the local school system's budget;

Be it therefore resolved that HCRASC supports SB0082 with an amendment stating that the state government will provide the funds necessary to implement this program.

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<sup>1</sup>AP Program Results: Class of 2022 – Reports | College Board.

<https://reports.collegeboard.org/ap-program-results/class-of-2022>.

<sup>2</sup>Presentation of Harford County Public Schools Academic Performance Data: National Assessments and College and Career Readiness.

<https://hcps.org/boe/BoeAgendaExhibits.aspx?MeetingID=3755>

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