



**HB1275 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – CONSTITUENT SERVICES
LIAISON – ESTABLISHMENT**

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WAYS AND MEANS

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1275 – Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Constituent Services Liaison – Establishment**. This bill requires that before the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) hire a constituent services liaison. The president of the Board is required to negotiate an employment agreement for the constituent services liaison. The constituent services liaison is required to act as a liaison between the county board and members of the community, assist community members in accessing services of AACPS and other State and County education-related services, and engage community partners and local organizations to advance the strategic goals of AACPS. Finally, the constituent services liaison is required to receive an annual salary of \$120,000.

AACPS and the Board support the addition of a constituent services liaison to the Office of the County Board to act as a liaison between the county board and members of the community, assist community members in accessing services in AACPS and other State and County education related services, and engage community partners and local organizations to advance the strategic goals of AACPS. Superintendent Dr. Bedell and the Board have included funding to support the addition of such a position in the FY2026 budget. AACPS appreciates the intent of this legislation to support the creation of such a position. However, AACPS opposes legislation such as this which reduces local board authority and creates unfunded mandates.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1275.