

To: Ways and Means Committee

From: Conor Curran

Date: February 5, 2025

Re: HB 402 - Favorable

I am writing to urge the House Ways and Means Committee to support HB 402. I have previously served as a finalist for the Anne Arundel County Student Member of the Board of Education position and as a two-term President of the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), the organization that elects the student member. I have seen firsthand how hard the student members work on behalf of the 80,000+ students of Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

The Student Member is unique as the only fully voting member of a K-12 Board of Education in the country. It is only fair that they are fairly compensated with their adult peers. The Student Members puts as much time into their service to the Board of Education as their adult peers, in addition to living every policy decision that they make on the board. I have worked with 5 Student Members in my time at CRASC. They uphold the utmost professionalism in the work that they do as an at-large member of Anne Arundel County, representing almost 600,000 people.

Thank you and I urge a favorable report.

Best,

Conor Curran

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