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TO: House Committee on Ways and Means

BILL: House Bill 0772- Education - Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students – Alterations

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POSITION: Information

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is providing information regarding House Bill 0772 (HB0772), which proposes significant changes to the Career Counseling Program for middle and high school students. We would like to offer an update on the current status of career coaching initiatives and make a recommendation concerning the timing of this bill.

While progress has been made in career coaching efforts, the allocation of funding has been inconsistent, and implementation has varied across different regions during this pilot phase.

Given these circumstances, the General Assembly would be in a better position to take action on this topic in 2026. Another year would allow time for the completion of the impact and outcomes report from the three-year pilot program. Such a report will provide necessary data and insights that can inform future policy decisions and ensure the most effective approach to a coordinated and effective career coaching system.

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **HB0772**. For further information, please contact Dr. Akilah Alleyne (Executive Director of Government Affairs) at 410-767-0504, or Akilah.alleyne@maryland.gov.