

Testimony For SB0008

Honorable Delegates

Pleased enter a favorable report for SB0008.

I support

- Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State;
- establishing minimum criteria for the award of a Seal of Civic Excellence and designation as a Center of Civic Excellence; and
- requiring participating local school systems to submit an annual report to the Department of Education beginning July 1, 2027.

With all the news about juvenile crime, and poor scholastic performance, those students who are doing well and helping their communities often are overlooked. There are not enough programs that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State.

Please enter a favorable report with amendment for SB0008.

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