



**HB0402 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER  
SCHOLARSHIP – INCREASE**

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WAYS AND MEANS

**SUPPORT**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports **HB0402 – Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Student Member Scholarship – Increase**. This bill increases the scholarship award for the student member of Board of Education of Anne Arundel County who completes a full term on the county board from \$8,000 to \$15,000.

AACPS supports increasing the scholarship award for the student member of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) to reflect their level of contribution on the Board. Our student member of the board is one of the few in the nation with full voting rights. The first full voting student member of the board served during the 1975-1976 school year. Since then, every SMOB has had the authority to cast a vote on any matter before the Board, just like their adult colleagues. The will of the citizens of Anne Arundel County to entrust full voting rights in the student member of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County should be respected and their level of contribution should be equitably compensated. AACPS supports this bill which would bring compensation levels for our SMOB in line with their adult counterparts on the Board in the form of a scholarship that is to be awarded upon completion of their full term on the Board.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB0402.