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SB 198 - Prince George's Community College - Aerospace and Aviation Systems Technology Programs - Feasibility Study

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland's 16 community colleges, supports **SB 198** as amended. MACC appreciates the sponsor's commitment to expanding workforce pathways and preparing students for careers in high-demand industries such as aerospace and advanced technology. Maryland's community colleges share this goal and regularly work with employers and regional partners to develop academic and workforce programs that respond to evolving labor market needs.

MACC also appreciates the significant changes made to the bill. As amended, SB 198 now focuses on conducting a comprehensive feasibility study and program design assessment at Prince George's Community College, rather than requiring the immediate establishment of a specific academic program. The inclusion of dedicated funding to support this work further strengthens the bill and will allow for a thoughtful, data-driven evaluation of workforce demand, program design, and long-term sustainability.

While MACC continues to believe that decisions regarding the development of new academic and workforce programs are best made through institutional and State-level processes in consultation with the college, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and industry partners, the revised approach in SB 198 aligns more closely with this framework. The feasibility study ensures that any future program development will be informed by demonstrated need, available resources, and strong industry engagement.

MACC appreciates the General Assembly's willingness to take stakeholder feedback into consideration and to revise the bill in a way that supports both workforce development goals and sound academic planning. For these reasons, MACC respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on **SB 198** as **AMENDED**.

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