



**HB 680 - Children's Cabinet Fund - Renaming and Funding for Grants to Local Management Boards**  
**Appropriations Committee - March 10, 2026**  
**Position: Favorable**

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The Maryland Out of School Time Network (MOST) is a statewide organization dedicated to closing opportunity gaps by expanding the quantity and quality of afterschool and summer learning opportunities for young people. MOST also serves as the backbone organization for the Maryland Coalition for Community Schools and MENTOR Maryland | DC.

Local Management Boards (LMBs) play a unique and important role in Maryland's youth-serving ecosystem. They are one of the few structures designed to bring together local government, schools, community organizations, and families to align resources and coordinate strategies that support children and youth. In the youth development field, LMBs have been strong partners in expanding access to afterschool programs, summer learning opportunities, and mentoring initiatives in communities across Maryland.

The challenges facing young people today are complex and interconnected. Improving outcomes in areas such as academic success, youth employment, behavioral health, and family stability requires collective goal-setting, coordination across systems, robust data collection, and technical assistance for community organizations. These are the kinds of systems-building functions that LMBs are uniquely positioned to lead.

However, LMBs have increasingly been asked to do more with diminishing resources. Rather than being fully leveraged as strategic infrastructure for youth and family services, they have often been expected to stretch limited funding across growing community needs. When properly supported, LMBs can serve as powerful engines for community coordination and accountability—helping partners align priorities, strengthen nonprofit capacity, share data, and

Investing in the LMBs is not simply about supporting another program—it is about strengthening the systems that make programs more effective and ensure resources are used efficiently to improve outcomes for young people.

We would like to thank **Delegate Shetty** for sponsoring HB680 and for recognizing the important role that Local Management Boards play in strengthening outcomes for children and families across Maryland. We respectfully urge the Committee to provide a **favorable report on HB680**.

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