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SB534 - Frederick Community College - Board of Trustees - Meeting and Training Requirements

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and esteemed members of this committee,

Senate Bill 534 is a Frederick County bill that unanimously passed delegation. It will establish an obligation for transparency and communication for the Board of Trustees at Frederick Community College. This bill will require the Board of Trustees to provide an opportunity for public comment at each of their meetings. It will also require the Board to publish and retain video or audio recordings of each meeting. Additionally, this bill requires board members to undergo training every two years on board governance, responsibilities and other roles.

There are sixteen community colleges in the state, thirteen currently follow these practices to better address their communities. Requiring public comment will ensure the Board has the information it needs to be responsive to its community. Publishing a readily accessible video or audio option also allows for members of the public to be informed and aware of the Board's decisions. More communication from the college leads to successful collaboration and support from the community. By requiring the Board to adopt these standards of transparency and accessibility, Frederick Community College will better meet the needs of its students and faculty. I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Karen Lewis Young'.

Senator Karen Lewis Young