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Testimony In Support of SB 712 - Primary and Secondary Education - Funding Accuracy and Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment Count - Alterations and Report (Education Funding Accuracy Act)

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 712. SB 712 brings greater clarity, consistency, and fairness to how student enrollment is calculated for the purpose of education funding. By defining enrollment count to include a three-year moving average for “Full-time equivalent enrollment”, SB 712 helps stabilize funding for school systems experiencing fluctuations, ensuring that students are not penalized due to temporary enrollment changes, and allowing for an approach that promotes thoughtful planning and protects continuity of services for our schools.

SB 712 also strengthens transparency and accountability by requiring a detailed public report on enrollment counts and funding allocations by county. By making this information accessible and including students categorized as “whereabouts unknown,” the State affirms its commitment to responsible stewardship of education dollars.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 712.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties