

**BILL:** Senate Bill 375  
**TITLE:** County Boards of Education - Artificial Intelligence Training Program - Requirement  
**HEARING DATE:** February 27, 2026  
**POSITION:** UNFAVORABLE  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Energy, and the Environment  
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all the state's local boards of education, **respectfully opposes Senate Bill 375 - County Boards of Education - Artificial Intelligence Training Program – Requirement.**

SB 375 requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to develop or approve an artificial intelligence (AI) training program for members of county boards of education that includes a foundational training program and continued annual training. The bill includes requirements for the training curricula. Board members must take the required foundational training within one year of beginning their term and then complete the continuing AI training annually. The bill requires board members to submit their certification to the president of the county board and MSDE and requires MSDE to publicly report a list of members that did not complete the training.

MABE acknowledges that the prevalence of AI is increasing rapidly. However, a uniform, statewide mandated training for local school boards is not the answer. To our knowledge, MSDE is not an expert on artificial intelligence, and local school systems and school boards should be able to develop and/or select the trainings that best meet their needs in this rapidly evolving area. This does not need a state-mandated, one-size-fits-all approach.

SB 375 prescribes a rigid structure for annual training and specifies required elements of the training curriculum, thus constraining local board discretion and reducing flexibility in how boards design and deliver training responsive to local priorities and circumstances. In practice, many local boards of education have already developed, or are in the process of developing, policies addressing artificial intelligence, including Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Carroll County, Charles County, Baltimore City, and Frederick County. These locally driven efforts reflect thoughtful consideration of community needs, instructional goals, and operational realities.

For these reasons, **MABE respectfully requests an unfavorable report on SB 375.**