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**Senator Justin Ready**  
**SB 147 Education - Agreements, Procurement Contracts, and Memoranda of Understanding - Reporting and Publication**

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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education Energy and the Environment Committee,

Senate Bill 147 requires local school systems to report and publish procurement contracts and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) on their public websites. These contracts shape everything in education such as curriculum resources to student data privacy.

This bill promotes fiscal responsibility, promotes parental engagement, and provides a consistent uniform standard. The tax payers of Maryland deserve to know how their dollars are being spent, especially when a school system is entering multi-million dollar contracts for new software or services. Additionally, more third-party oversight and engagement in our education system, especially from parents and guardians will increase student's quality of education.

The House sponsor has submitted an amendment to clarify the procurement contract language to better comply with the intent of the bill, as pointed out by DLS in the fiscal note. I am supportive of that amendment.

I respectfully request a favorable on SB 147.