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**HB 828 – State Board of Education – Membership – Educational Support Member
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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AFSCME Maryland Council 3 supports House Bill 828. House Bill 828 would alter the existing composition of the State Board of Education to include an educational support professional who is actively working in a public school as a noncertificated, nonsupervisory, public school employee. Under the bill, the Governor would appoint the educational support member, who received the highest number of votes after an election by education support professionals in the state.

AFSCME Maryland Council 3 represents approximately 55,000 public service workers across varying levels of government including city, county, state, and higher education. AFSCME members are on the frontlines every day delivering critical public services our communities depend on. Our union is proud to represent education support professionals across the state who work for Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore County Public Schools, Allegany County Public Schools, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Howard County Public Schools, Harford County Public Schools, Carroll County Public Schools, and Charles County Public Schools. AFSCME members perform critical services that enable the operation of our public schools every day including bus transportation, food service, custodial service, administrative, clerical, IT support, building and grounds maintenance, and more.

Despite the critical role that education support professionals play in our public education system, often they are overlooked and forgotten when policy decisions are made. Students, families, certificated staff, and administrators rely on education support professionals every day, yet often our members do not feel seen or heard.

Passing House Bill 828 would send a strong signal to every education support professional across the state of Maryland that their perspective, insight, and voice matters, that their labor is valued, and that they have meaningful contributions to offer in the improvement of our public education system. Our State Board of Education should be reflective of the individuals who make our public education system happen.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 828.