



## **SB0381 – EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUILDING ENERGY USAGE – MONTHLY REPORT**

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EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### **OPPOSE**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **SB0381 – Education – School Building Energy Usage – Monthly Report**. This bill requires each county board to collect data on school building energy usage and report the data collected to the Interagency Commission (IAC). The IAC is required to adopt regulations that specify the data to be collected and the means and frequency of reporting. Additionally, the IAC is required to analyze the data submitted and provide recommendations to the county board for improving school building energy efficiency and usage.

AACPS endeavors to provide students with high performing school facilities conducive to learning. However, AACPS opposes legislative proposals which limit local authority over school facility prioritization or operations. SB0381 creates such a requirement for local school systems to collect and report data on school building energy usage on a monthly basis to the Interagency Commission on School Construction, resulting in an unfunded mandate to the school system. Moreover, any recommendations from the IAC may limit the school system's ability to prioritize capital spending, should we be required to implement the IAC's recommendation.

Moreover, AACPS does not believe that the Interagency Commission on School Construction has the expertise to provide the energy usage data analysis and recommendations to local education agencies required by the bill. The IAC does not currently have expertise in energy utilization and without experienced staff, it is unlikely that any insights and recommendations provided by the IAC would be insightful or improve local education agency energy usage. Furthermore, these recommendations would not consider local input or local priorities for school construction funding. Input from local education agencies is crucial to any recommendations made by the IAC.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB0381.