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**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

March 25, 2026

**HB 457 – Institutions of Higher Education - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products -  
Requirement****Position: Favorable as Amended**

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The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland's 16 community colleges, supports **HB 457** as amended. MACC appreciates the sponsor's leadership and shares the goal of ensuring students have reliable access to essential health and hygiene resources while on campus. Maryland's community colleges are deeply committed to student well-being and recognize that access to menstrual hygiene products can remove barriers that may otherwise interfere with a student's ability to fully participate in their education.

MACC appreciates the thoughtful, collaborative engagement with the sponsor and the Committee to refine this proposal. As amended, the bill reflects a more targeted and workable approach by focusing on institutions that provide on-campus housing and requiring access to menstrual hygiene products in student health centers. This approach ensures that students have reliable access to these essential products while recognizing the operational and fiscal realities facing institutions. While only a tiny subset of Maryland's community colleges operate on-campus housing, those institutions understand that this requirement would apply to them and are committed to complying with the bill as amended.

The amendments also provide institutions with a reasonable implementation timeline, allowing community colleges to plan and allocate resources appropriately. This flexibility is critical for institutions that operate across multiple campuses and facilities and must balance student support services with constrained budgets. Maryland's community colleges remain committed to supporting student success and well-being and appreciate the sponsor's partnership in advancing a policy that is both meaningful and implementable. Accordingly, MACC respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report **AS AMENDED** on **HB 457**.

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