
Senate Finance Committee

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SB 510 – State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors - Funeral Direction Licensure and Apprentices - Requirements**Position: Favorable with Amendments**

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland’s 16 community colleges, supports **SB 510** with amendments. We recognize that the funeral services profession continues to evolve, including shifts in cultural practices, family preferences, and the roles performed by licensed funeral directors and morticians. Efforts to modernize licensure pathways and clarify professional distinctions reflect these changes, and we appreciate the sponsor’s thoughtful engagement on this issue.

The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) is currently the only institution in Maryland offering an associate degree in mortuary science accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. As the sole in-State provider, CCBC plays a critical role in preparing Maryland’s funeral service workforce and ensuring graduates meet national examination and licensure standards. As this legislation alters education and examination requirements, it has direct implications for CCBC’s curriculum, accreditation alignment, and students. Academic program revisions, curriculum approvals, and accreditation updates can take up to a year to complete, and it is therefore essential that any changes to licensure or examination requirements include a reasonable implementation timeline to allow CCBC to align its program accordingly and protect currently enrolled and prospective students during the transition.

MACC and CCBC want to be part of the solution and are committed to working collaboratively to ensure that any statutory changes appropriately reflect professional practice while maintaining educational quality and licensure integrity. We respectfully encourage the Committee to continue working with MACC and CCBC as the bill moves forward to ensure that the institution most directly impacted is fully aligned with the final framework. For these reasons, MACC respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on **SB 510** with continued collaboration.

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