

**House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

March 5, 2026

**HB 1340 – State Government - Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission -  
Establishment**

**Position: Favorable with Amendments**

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The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland’s 16 community colleges, supports **HB 1340** with amendments. MACC appreciates the sponsors’ leadership in advancing policies that strengthen education delivery for individuals involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Expanding access to high-quality education and workforce training is one of the most effective strategies for increasing public safety, reducing recidivism, and promoting long-term economic mobility.

Maryland’s community colleges play a central role in correctional and reentry education across the State. Colleges provide adult basic education, GED preparation, credit-bearing coursework, industry certifications, and workforce training aligned with regional labor market needs. Through partnerships with correctional institutions, workforce boards, and community organizations, community colleges deliver programs that support successful reentry and employment in high-demand fields.

HB 1340 establishes the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission to develop recommendations for the optimal delivery of education to individuals subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Given the significant role community colleges already play in this work, representation from the community college sector would ensure that the Commission’s recommendations are informed by practical experience in accreditation, credential pathways, workforce alignment, funding structures, and student support services.

To that end, MACC respectfully requests an amendment to include the MACC Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee as a member of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission. Accordingly, MACC urges the Committee to issue a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB 1340** with **AMENDMENTS** to include the MACC Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee as a member of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission.

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