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House Bill 1013

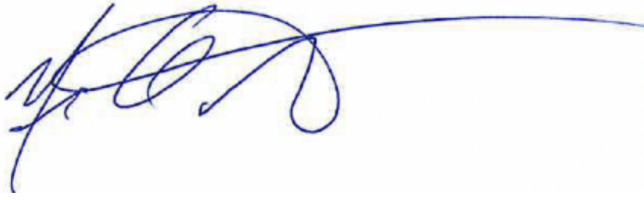
Good afternoon Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 1013, also known as **Prince George's County Special Education Service Delivery, Transparency, and Accountability Act**. This legislation requires the Prince George's County Board of Education and County Superintendent, beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, to include certain funds in their annual budget to certain individuals hired as one-to-one student aides. Additionally, this legislation requires the County Superintendent or a designee to provide certain quarterly updates to the county board and the State Department of Education.

One-to-one aides for special education service delivery are critically important to the well-being and educational success of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Educators, specialists, parents, and others work in concert to determine if one-to-one aides are necessary for the student to meet their learning goals. These aides offer individualized attention to the students that they are assigned to and may provide support at specific times or throughout the entire school day. Without a doubt, the work of one-to-one aides is a key pillar in the livelihood of students in our State with special education needs.

This legislation addresses a gap in the number of one-to-one aides in the Prince George's County Public School System (PGCPS). As of the start of the 2025-2026 academic year, PGCPS has noted that 398 students require a one-on-one aide in their IEP, with 363 currently assigned and 35 dedicated aide vacancies. PGCPS has long demonstrated their commitment to serving their special education student population, and this legislation would be an instrumental step in helping further fulfill that commitment.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 1013.

Sincerely,

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