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**TO:** The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

**FROM:** Tiffany Clark  
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**RE:** House Bill 1011 – Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students – Established (Support with Amendments)

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The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) supports House Bill 1011 – Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students – Established with the amendments described below. HB 1011 establishes a workgroup tasked with studying ways to support transgender and gender diverse students in public schools and making statewide statutory and regulatory policy recommendations.

We appreciate the intent of this legislation to create a structured, multi-stakeholder forum to review and recommend improved practices and policies supporting transgender and gender diverse students across Maryland schools. By bringing together legislators, educators, parents, and other education stakeholders, this workgroup can play an important role in identifying barriers and elevating best practices.

However, to ensure effective implementation and clear statutory roles, we respectfully recommend the following amendment:

1. Strike the term “advisory member” and insert “representative from” in relation to the Office of the Attorney General in the membership section. This change will clarify that the OAG seat on the workgroup is a designated representative with full participatory standing, rather than an undefined “advisory member,” which may be interpreted as non-voting or limited in scope. Clear membership language will help ensure consistent participation and understanding of each member’s role within the workgroup.

With this amendment, this legislation will better align the workgroup's membership terminology with typical statutory committee and workgroup structures, reduce ambiguity about member roles and authority, and help ensure meaningful engagement from the OAG throughout the workgroup's work.

We have shared proposed amendment language with the bill sponsor and remain available to work collaboratively with the Committee to refine this legislation.

For the foregoing reasons, the OAG respectfully urges the Committee to give HB 1011 a favorable report with the amendments described above.

cc: Members of the Committee