
House Ways and Means Committee

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HB 438 – Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee

Position: Favorable with Amendments

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland’s 16 community colleges, supports **HB 438** with amendments. MACC appreciates the intent of this legislation to establish the Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee and to thoughtfully examine the structure, governance, and funding of correctional education across the State. Maryland’s community colleges have a long-standing role in providing educational programming, workforce training, and reentry-focused supports for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, and we strongly support efforts to improve coordination and outcomes in this space.

Community colleges are key partners in correctional education, particularly in delivering adult basic education, workforce credentials, and postsecondary pathways aligned with labor market needs. As the Committee is charged with developing a comprehensive plan for a school board system overseeing correctional education, it is critical that institutions with direct operational experience in adult correctional education are included in the Committee’s work. Without direct representation from Maryland’s community colleges, the Committee risks missing practical insights related to program delivery, student transitions, funding structures, and alignment with existing postsecondary and workforce systems.

Accordingly, MACC urges the Committees to issue a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB 438 with AMENDMENTS** to include a representative from Maryland’s community colleges on the Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee.

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