MARYLAND
Chamber of Commerce

Senate Bill 70

Position: Favorable
Committee: Ways and Means
Date: March 25, 2026

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce ("Maryland Chamber") is a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and opportunity for all Marylanders.

Senate Bill 70 ("SB 70") creates the MDiplomaWorks program, which would establish a fourth alternative diploma pathway for adult learners to demonstrate high school level proficiency through a combination of workforce and academic credentials.

The Maryland Chamber strongly supports job creation and economic mobility, and SB 70 will open doors for many of the 500,000+ Marylanders who do not have a high school diploma. By establishing the MDiplomaWorks program, SB 70 will create opportunities for more Marylanders to access training opportunities, career pathways, and high-paying careers. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 70.**