

HB 1390: Public Schools - Veterans' Day - Excused Student Absence: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1390**, concerning *Public Schools – Veterans' Day – Excused Student Absence*.

Veterans' Day is an important opportunity to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Allowing students an excused absence to participate in Veterans' Day activities helps encourage civic awareness, gratitude, and respect for those who have defended our nation.

Many students have family members who are veterans or who currently serve in the military. Being able to attend ceremonies, community events, or school programs honoring veterans provides meaningful educational experiences that reinforce the values of service, responsibility, and patriotism.

HB 1390 ensures that students who choose to participate in Veterans' Day observances are not penalized academically for doing so. Supporting this opportunity helps foster a deeper understanding of our nation's history and the sacrifices made to protect our freedoms.

Recognizing the importance of Veterans' Day through this simple accommodation reflects Maryland's commitment to honoring those who have served.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1390**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals