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**SUPPORT – HB1373 - State Department of Education - Independent Regulatory Framework for After School and Out of School Time Child Care Programs - Study**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB1373 - State Department of Education - Independent Regulatory Framework for After School and Out of School Time Child Care Programs - Study** to require the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations on establishing an independent regulatory framework for after school and out of school time child care programs.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We host an annual childcare summit where the childcare needs of Marylanders are discussed. It has become obvious that the needs are great and the supply of childcare is diminishing, often because of over-regulation. This bill would require MSDE to investigate and, hopefully, remove the regulatory barriers providers of after school and out of school time child care programs face when they are required to adhere to the same regulatory and licensing requirements as those for full-day, early childhood child care centers (children 0-5).

**We urge you to support HB1373 - State Department of Education - Independent Regulatory Framework for After School and Out of School Time Child Care Programs - Study** to address barriers created by overregulation for after school programs for childcare.

Sincerely,

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Chair