

**BILL:** HB1028  
**TITLE:** Caroline County Board of Education - Member Compensation - Increase  
**DATE:** March 2, 2026  
**POSITION:** Support  
**COMMITTEE:** House Ways and Means  
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Caroline County Public Schools and the Caroline County Board of Education **supports House Bill 1028.**

House Bill 1028, and its cross filed Senate Bill seeks to increase the compensation for members of the Caroline County Board of Education. Board members dedicate many hours a month to their position, from attending school system meetings, events, and functions, as well as engaging with our community members. Additionally, they engage in professional learning opportunities supported by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the National School Board Association, as well as those encouraged or required by Maryland State Board of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board.

The previous annual stipend was established in 2009. The bill represents the first increase in 17 years.

For these reasons, Caroline County Public Schools requests a **favorable** committee report for House Bill 1028.