

# Testimony For HB0029

Honorable Delegates

Please enter a favorable report for HB0029.

I support

- Authorizing a county board of education to develop and establish income eligibility guidelines and procedures for payment of costs for a certain post college and career readiness (post-CCR) pathway, except under certain circumstances; and
- requiring a county board to provide access to the post-CCR pathway at no cost to the student or parents if the student's family income is below 400% of the federal poverty level.

According to the fiscal and policy review, this change to the CCR program will not save the State any money. However, local school system expenditures may decrease, potentially significantly, due to not having to cover post-CCR pathway program fees for some students.

With many counties being forced to cut-back on educational spending, passing this bill could help the counties meet other pressing needs.

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