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TO: Members of the Maryland State Board of Education

FROM: Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed.D.

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SUBJECT: Final Legislative Update

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide a final legislative update and status report of issues relative to education legislation that was submitted during the 2012 General Assembly. Please find attached the synopsis you received during the January and February State Board meetings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

I have asked Ms. Renee Spence to briefly update the members of the State Board of Education on the outcomes of the significant legislation that you have followed during the 2012 session, as well as to review any new legislation that was followed since your last synopsis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Renee Spence at 410-767-0462. As always, thank you for your continuous help and support.

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Attachments

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2012 BILL SYNOPSIS

HB 118	Education - Retiree Health Savings - Maintenance of Effort
Sponsored By	Delegate Anderson (By Request - Baltimore City Administration)
Synopsis	Excluding from the maintenance of effort calculation a reduction in retiree health costs under specified circumstances; excluding from the maintenance of effort calculation a specified calculation for a specified year; and applying the Act to a county's required maintenance of effort amount beginning in fiscal year 2013.

HB 196	Student Health and Fitness Act
Sponsored By	Delegates Walker, Alston, Anderson, Bates, Braveboy, Burns, Cardin, Davis, Feldman, Frank, Frush, George, Haynes, Healey, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Ivey, Kach, Lafferty, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Proctor, B. Robinson, Ross, Summers, Tarrant, V. Turner, Vaughn, Wilson, Wood, and Zucker
Synopsis	Requiring that a public school student in elementary school be provided a daily program of physical activity totaling at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week, including at least 90 minutes of physical education; requiring that the program of physical activity for a specified category of student be consistent with a specified plan for the student; requiring public elementary schools to designate a specified group to plan and coordinate specified activities; etc.

HB 208	Baltimore City Public School System - Governance
Sponsored By	Delegate Mitchell
Synopsis	Altering the appointment process of specified members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; altering the composition and purpose of the board; making the board responsible for functions assigned to it by the Chief Executive Officer of the board; repealing specified powers and functions of the board; requiring the Mayor to employ the Chief Executive Officer and establish a salary; requiring the board to establish a specified personnel system proposed by the Chief Executive Officer; etc.

HB 342	Education - Regional School of the Arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties - Feasibility Study
Sponsored By	Delegates Smigiel, Hershey, and Jacobs
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education, jointly with specified local boards of education, to study the feasibility of establishing a regional school of the arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2013.

HB 373	Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions
Sponsored By	Delegates Braveboy, Alston, Anderson, Branch, Burns, Cane, Carr, Carter, Cullison, Glenn, Gutierrez, Harrison, Haynes, Holmes, Ivey, Jones, Mitchell, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Proctor, B. Robinson, Stukes, Summers, Tarrant, V. Turner, Valentino-Smith, Vaughn, Washington, and Wilson
Synopsis	Altering from 16 to 17 the maximum age at which children are required to attend a public school regularly during the entire school year, subject to specified exceptions; requiring specified children to return to attendance at school under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to complete specified tasks on or before specified dates; etc.

SB 362	Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions
Sponsored By	Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Currie, Forehand, Garagiola, Jones-Rodwell, Madaleno, McFadden, Stone, Ferguson, Pinsky, and Rosapepe
Synopsis	Establishing the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Board members; providing for a chair of the Board and the establishment of Synopsiss; prohibiting Board members from receiving compensation but entitling Board members to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; authorizing the Board to apply, accept, and expend specified gifts, appropriations, or grants; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

HB 384	Baltimore County Public Schools - Enrollment and Transfer - Parental Decision
Sponsored By	Delegates Olszewski, Boteler, Bromwell, Burns, DeBoy, Frank, Impallaria, Minnick, Szeliga, and Weir
Synopsis	Authorizing the parent or guardian of a student eligible for enrollment in Baltimore County public schools to decide to enroll the student in a public school other than the public school to which the student was assigned by the Baltimore County Board of Education, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year; requiring all public schools to be open to specified students on a space-available basis under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 496	Child Abuse and Neglect - Failure to Report - Penalties
Sponsored By	Delegates Impallaria, Bates, Boteler, Cluster, DeBoy, Elliott, Glass, James, McComas, McDonough, Minnick, Norman, and O'Donnell
Synopsis	Establishing that specified persons who are required to provide notice or make a report of suspected child abuse or neglect, while acting in their professional capacities, may not knowingly fail to give the notice or make the report; establishing that any other person, under specified circumstances, who has reason to believe a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect is required to make a specified report; establishing a misdemeanor for knowingly failing to report child abuse or neglect; and establishing penalties.

HB 497	Public Schools - Epinephrine Availability and Use - Policy Requirements
Sponsored By	Delegates Myers, Afzali, Glass, McComas, Norman, Parrott, Serafini, Smigiel, Barve, Boteler, Branch, Frick, George, Hixson, Howard, Ivey, Kaiser, Luedtke, A. Miller, Rosenberg, Ross, Stukes, Summers, and F. Turner
Synopsis	Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to authorize specified school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to specified students under specified circumstances; requiring that the policy include specified information; requiring specified public schools to submit a report to the State Department of Education; etc.

SB 621	Public Schools - Epinephrine Availability and Use - Policy Requirements
Sponsored By	Senators Shank, Jennings, Simonaire, Young, Mathias, and Montgomery
Synopsis	Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to authorize specified school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to specified students under specified circumstances; requiring that the policy include specified information; requiring specified public schools to submit a specified report to the State Department of Education; etc.

HB 514	State Board of Education - Study on the Use of Prefabricated School Construction
Sponsored By	Delegates Stocksdale, Bates, Kipke, Myers, Ready, B. Robinson, Serafini, and Wood
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education to conduct a study on the use of prefabricated school construction in Maryland; requiring the State Board of Education to report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

HB 515	State Government - Financial Education and Capability Commission
Sponsored By	Delegates Stein, Arora, Bobo, Cardin, DeBoy, Frick, Kach, A. Kelly, Kipke, Kramer, Lafferty, Morhaim, Olszewski, Reznik, B. Robinson, Stukes, Zucker, Howard, and Walker
Synopsis	Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co-chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make specified recommendations; etc.

SB 476	State Government - Financial Education and Capability Commission
Sponsored By	Senators Klausmeier, Colburn, Forehand, Madaleno, Montgomery, Raskin, Rosapepe, Stone, Young, Kelley, and Muse
Synopsis	Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co-chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make specified recommendations; etc.

HB 537	State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Applicability
Sponsored By	Delegates Jones, Clagett, Cullison, Donoghue, Gaines, Glenn, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Haynes, Healey, Hixson, Hucker, Mizeur, Nathan-Pulliam, Reznik, B. Robinson, V. Turner, Valderrama, and Washington
Synopsis	Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

SB 783	State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Applicability
Sponsored By	Senators Pugh, Manno, Montgomery, Peters, Pinsky, Ramirez, Rosapepe, and Young
Synopsis	Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

HB 542	Public Schools - Student Attendance - Preventing Chronic Absenteeism
Sponsored By	Delegates Gutierrez, Barkley, Bobo, Carr, Carter, Cullison, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Guzzone, Haynes, Holmes, Howard, Hucker, Ivey, A. Kelly, Kramer, Lee, Luedtke, A. Miller, Mitchell, Nathan-Pulliam, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Proctor, Reznik, B. Robinson, S. Robinson, Sophocleus, Stukes, V. Turner, Waldstreicher, and Zucker
Synopsis	Requiring public schools to maintain a record of the daily attendance of students in kindergarten through 12th grade using a specified identifier, to calculate and maintain a record of specified attendance information, and to submit a report to the county board of education that includes specified student attendance information for each grading period each year; requiring each county board to calculate and maintain a specified record of countywide student attendance information; etc.

HB 567	Education - Parent-Teacher Meetings - Unpaid Leave
Sponsored By	Delegates Luedtke, Rosenberg, Barkley, Barve, Cullison, Gutierrez, Hucker, Ivey, A. Kelly, Reznik, Stukes, and Summers
Synopsis	Authorizing an employee to use unpaid leave to attend a parent-teacher meeting; requiring an employee to notify the employer at least 3 days before the employee will use unpaid leave to attend a parent-teacher meeting; prohibiting an employee who uses unpaid leave under the Act from using more than 4 hours per parent-teacher meeting and from using unpaid leave more than twice per each half of an academic year; providing that the Act may not be construed to affect specified collective bargaining agreements; etc.

SB 329	Education - Parent-Teacher Meetings - Unpaid Leave
Sponsored By	Senators Ferguson, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell, Madaleno, Montgomery, Ramirez, and Rosapepe
Synopsis	Authorizing an employee to use unpaid leave to attend a parent-teacher meeting; requiring an employee to notify the employer at least 3 days before the employee will use unpaid leave to attend a parent-teacher meeting; prohibiting an employee who uses unpaid leave under the Act from using more than 4 hours per parent-teacher meeting and from using unpaid leave more than twice per each half of an academic year; etc.

HB 660	Education - State Aid - Grant to Limit Decreases in Funding
Sponsored By	Delegates Beitzel, K. Kelly, and Myers
Synopsis	Requiring the State to provide a specified grant to a county board of education in specified fiscal years if specified funding provided to a county board decreases by a specified amount; and requiring a study on the adequacy of education funding to include the impact on State funding of declining enrollments in specified local school systems.

SB 586	Education - State Aid - Grant to Limit Decreases in Funding
Sponsored By	Senator Edwards
Synopsis	Requiring the State to provide a specified grant to a county board of education in specified fiscal years if specified funding provided to a county board decreases by a specified amount; and requiring a study on the adequacy of education funding to include the impact on State funding of declining enrollments in specified local school systems.

HB 661	State Retirement and Pension System - Local Employer Contributions - Educators and Educational Staff
Sponsored By	Delegates Smigiel, McDermott, Cluster, McComas, and Serafini
Synopsis	Providing for the calculation of a payment of a portion of employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; requiring counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; etc.

HB 680	Education - Task Force to Explore Including Sustainable Agriculture in Existing Curricular Areas
Sponsored By	Delegates Rosenberg, Luedtke, and Washington
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education and the University of Maryland Extension, after consultation with local boards of education, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and other organizations that promote education about sustainable agriculture, to create a task force to explore options for including sustainable agriculture and other agricultural issues in all existing curricular areas; and terminating the Act after May 31, 2015.

HB 699	Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012
Sponsored By	Delegates Hixson, Barkley, Carr, Kaiser, Kramer, Luedtke, A. Miller, Reznik, S. Robinson, Simmons, Zucker, Barve, Bobo, Boteler, Frick, George, Glass, Howard, Ivey, Myers, Rosenberg, Ross, Stukes, Summers, and F. Turner
Synopsis	Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc. Senate: Finance

SB 566	Home Visiting Accountability Act of 2012
Sponsored By	Senators King, Benson, Colburn, Ferguson, Forehand, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Muse, Pugh, Ramirez, and Young
Synopsis	Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc.

HB 745	Education - Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning - Establishment
Sponsored By	Delegates Serafini, Bates, and McComas
Synopsis	Establishing the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning within the Department of Education; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council; establishing the mission of the Council; identifying the membership of the Council; establishing the membership term; requiring the State Superintendent or the Governor to appoint a member in the event of a vacancy; requiring the Council members to elect the Council chair; etc.

SB 689	Education - Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning - Establishment
Sponsored By	Senator Shank
Synopsis	Establishing the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning within the Department of Education; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council; establishing the mission of the Council; identifying the membership of the Council; establishing the membership term; requiring the State Superintendent or the Governor to appoint a member in the event of a vacancy; requiring the Council members to elect the Council chair; requiring the Council to submit a report and recommendations on or before December 1 each year; etc.

HB 757	Education - Domicile Requirements for Attendance - Exception
Sponsored By	Delegates Luedtke and Wilson
Synopsis	Requiring a county superintendent to allow a child to remain at a school under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Juvenile Services each to adopt specified regulations establishing factors relating to the best interests of specified children; etc.

SB 605	Education - Domicile Requirements for Attendance - Exception
Sponsored By	Senator Kelley
Synopsis	Requiring a county superintendent to allow a child to remain at a specified school under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Juvenile Services each to adopt regulations establishing factors relating to the best interests of specified children; etc.

HB 831	Education - Public Schools - Parent Trigger
Sponsored By	Delegates Bates, Glass, Hough, Kipke, McDonough, Schuh, Smigiel, Stocksdale, and Szeliga
Synopsis	Authorizing parents and legal guardians of students attending public schools that are subject to corrective action and are not making adequate yearly progress to petition county boards of education to implement interventions; requiring county boards to notify the State Superintendent of Schools and the State Board of Education on receipt of petitions and of the final dispositions regarding the petitions; etc.

HB 855	State Lottery Agency - Education Lottery
Sponsored By	Delegate Conaway
Synopsis	Requiring the State Lottery Agency to conduct a specified monthly lottery for the benefit of the public school systems in the State; requiring the Comptroller to pay to the public school systems in the State a specified percentage of the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of a certain lottery after a specified distribution; requiring the Agency to meet specified advertising criteria in conducting the lottery; etc.

HB 886	Maryland After-School and Summer Opportunity Fund Program
Sponsored By	Delegates Ivey, Barve, Cardin, Clippinger, Glenn, Kaiser, Lafferty, McIntosh, Mitchell, Pena-Melnyk, B. Robinson, Rosenberg, Ross, Walker, Washington, A. Miller, and Stukes
Synopsis	Transferring the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program from the State Department of Education to the Governor's Office for Children; altering the name of the Program; limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit organizations; establishing parameters for awarding grants; etc.

SB 524	Maryland After-School and Summer Opportunity Fund Program
Sponsored By	Senators King, Conway, Ferguson, Forehand, Garagiola, Jones-Rodwell, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden, Montgomery, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Robey, Rosapepe, and Zirkin
Synopsis	Transferring the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program from the State Department of Education to the Governor's Office for Children; altering the name of the Program; limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit organizations and establishing specified parameters for awarding grants; etc.

HB 1014	State Department of Education - Regulation Adoption Process - Public Input
Sponsored By	Delegates Gutierrez, Carr, Cullison, Glenn, Hucker, A. Kelly, A. Miller, Nathan-Pulliam, B. Robinson, S. Robinson, and Stukes
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education to hold public hearings on specified proposed regulations that contain a funding mandate or that will have a significant impact on local school systems; requiring the Department to hold a public hearing, make available written public comments, and respond to issues raised about the specified proposed regulations; and requiring the Department to provide specified information to the State Board a specified time period before the Board's meeting on final adoption of the proposed regulations.

HB 1217	Public Charter Schools - Chartering Authorities, Application Requirements, and Funding
Sponsored By	Delegates Ivey and Rosenberg
Synopsis	Expanding the purpose of the Public Charter School Program; expanding the definition of a public charter school; authorizing the State Board of Education to be a primary chartering authority for the granting of a charter to a public charter school applicant; requiring a county board of education or the State Board to take specified actions when reviewing, evaluating, and making a decision on a charter school application; requiring each county board to disburse a specified amount of funds to each public charter school; etc.

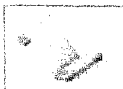
HB 1218	Task Force to Study the Improvement of Maryland Public Charter Schools
Sponsored By	Delegate Ivey
Synopsis	Expanding the purpose of the Public Charter School Program; expanding the definition of a public charter school; authorizing the State Board of Education to be a primary chartering authority for the granting of a charter to a public charter school applicant; requiring a county board of education or the State Board to take specified actions when reviewing, evaluating, and making a decision on a charter school application; requiring each county board to disburse a specified amount of funds to each public charter school; etc.

HB 1220	Secondary Education - Electronic Reader Pilot Program - Study
Sponsored By	Delegate Haynes
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education to study establishing an electronic reader pilot program in specified middle schools or high schools in the State in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the Department to determine whether to establish an electronic reader pilot program and report findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.

HB 1256	Child Sexual Abuse Reporting - Training of School Employees
Sponsored By	Delegates Rosenberg, Dumais, and Kaiser
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a model program by December 31, 2012, for training professional school employees on the prevention, identification, and reporting of child sexual abuse; requiring that the model program include specified information; authorizing the model program to include a specified sexual abuse prevention curriculum; requiring county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools to develop a mandatory training program for all professional school employees by a specified date; etc.

SB 613	Child Sexual Abuse Reporting - Training of School Employees
Sponsored By	Senators Raskin, Benson, Brochin, Conway, Dyson, Forehand, Frosh, Gladden, Jacobs, Montgomery, Muse, Peters, Ramirez, Reilly, Rosapepe, and Stone
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a model program by December 1, 2012, for training professional school employees on the prevention, identification, and reporting of child sexual abuse; requiring that the model program include specified information; authorizing the model program to include a specified sexual abuse prevention curriculum; requiring county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools to develop a mandatory training program for all professional school employees by a specified date; etc.

HB 1330	Criminal History Records Checks - Informal Child Care Providers
Sponsored By	Chair, Judiciary Synopsis (By Request - Departmental - Education)
Synopsis	Altering provisions of law relating to individuals required to obtain a criminal history records check; requiring an adult known to be residing in an informal child care provider's home to obtain a criminal history records check; requiring specified informal child care providers to obtain a criminal history records check; etc.

HB 1391	Public School Construction Program - Maryland School for the Blind 
Sponsored By	Delegates Conway, Bates, Beitzel, Bohanan, Busch, Clagett, DeBoy, Eckardt, Gaines, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hixson, Jones, Malone, McConkey, McIntosh, Mizeur, Proctor, Sophocleus, Stocksdale, Washington, Wood, Zucker, Aumann, Glenn, Haynes, James, and Szeliga
Synopsis	Establishing that the Maryland School for the Blind shall be eligible for school construction funding for specified fiscal years, notwithstanding a specified provision of law and subject to specified regulations; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations.

HB 1412	Education - Maintenance of Effort
Sponsored By	Delegates Bohanan, Kaiser, Jones, Conway, Hixson, Branch, Guzzone, Luedtke, and Morhaim
Synopsis	Authorizing a county governing body, for a specified purpose and under specified circumstances, to set a property tax rate that is higher than the rate authorized under the county's charter or to collect more property tax revenues than are authorized under the county's charter, notwithstanding any provision of the county charter that places specified limits on that county's property tax rate or revenues; requiring a county to appropriate to the local board of education specified revenues under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1447	Education - School Attendance in Another County
Sponsored By	Delegates Myers and Beitzel
Synopsis	Allowing specified students who reside in a specified county and attend school in another county to attend the school until graduation from high school; providing that a specified county may not be required to provide transportation of specified students; requiring specified counties to determine the feasibility of transporting specified students; authorizing siblings of specified students to attend school in a specified county; etc.

SB 143	Education - Comprehensive Master Plans
Sponsored By	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Synopsis (By Request - Departmental - Education)
Synopsis	Requiring a local board of education to submit updates to the local board's comprehensive master plan on or before October 15, 2012, October 15, 2013, and October 15, 2014; and altering the dates by which a local board is required to submit a comprehensive master plan and an annual update.

SB 157	Baltimore City - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemption
Sponsored By	Senators Pugh, Conway, Jones-Rodwell, and McFadden
Synopsis	Increasing the age for compulsory public school attendance in Baltimore City to be until 18 years old; requiring specified parents or guardians of children of ages 16 or 17 to provide written consent before the children may withdraw from public school attendance; requiring a county superintendent, a school principal, or another specified school official to provide a specified written notification under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 178	Education - Informal Kinship Care - Enrollment Before Submission of Documentation
Sponsored By	Senators Jacobs and Montgomery
Synopsis	Authorizing specified county superintendents of schools to require that a specified affidavit verifying to a county superintendant that a child is living in an informal kinship care arrangement for specified school attendance purposes be accompanied by supporting documentation only after allowing a child to enroll in a specified public school under specified circumstances; specifying that if documentation is required it must be consistent with privacy and confidentiality policies and statutes; etc.

SB 293	Education - Core Content Areas - Accountability Program
Sponsored By	Senators Miller, Kittleman, Benson, Brinkley, Colburn, Conway, Currie, DeGrange, Edwards, Ferguson, Forehand, Garagiola, Getty, Glassman, Jacobs, Jennings, Jones-Rodwell, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Montgomery, Peters, Pipkin, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey, Shank, Stone, Young, and Zirkin
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals that conform with specified objectives for subject areas that include science and social studies; requiring each public school to survey current student achievement in science and social studies; requiring the State Board and the State Superintendent to implement assessment programs in specified subjects; requiring that specified grade band assessments and end-of-course assessments be established; etc.

SB 307	State Board of Education - Financial Literacy Curriculum - Graduation Requirement
Sponsored By	Senators Klausmeier, Colburn, Jones-Rodwell, Madaleno, Muse, Raskin, and Stone
Synopsis	Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

SB 564	Student Health and Fitness Act
Sponsored By	Senators Pugh, Benson, Dyson, Ferguson, Forehand, Garagiola, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell, Kasemeyer, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Muse, Ramirez, Raskin, Stone, and Zirkin
Synopsis	Requiring that a public school student in elementary school be provided a daily program of physical education totaling at least 150 minutes each week; requiring that the program of physical education for a specified category of student be consistent with a specified plan for the student; requiring public elementary schools to designate a specified group to plan and coordinate the physical education program; etc.

SB 674	Primary and Secondary Education - Online Courses and Services - Development or Review and Approval
Sponsored By	Senator Rosapepe
Synopsis	Authorizing county boards of education to request that the State Department of Education develop or review and approve specified online courses and services; requiring the Department to determine within a specified period of time whether a specified delegation will be made; requiring the Department to develop or review and approve specified courses and services within a specified period of time under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to delegate authority to specified county boards; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

HB 1219	Primary and Secondary Education - Online Courses and Services - Development or Review and Approval
Sponsored By	Delegates Boteler, Branch, Cluster, George, Glass, Hixson, Hough, Ivey, Kach, McDermott, A. Miller, Myers, Norman, Stukes, Summers, F. Turner, Walker, and Weir
Synopsis	Authorizing a county board of education to procure online courses and services that the county board has approved as being high quality and in alignment with specified State standards; requiring a county board that has approved an online course to submit a specified report to the State Department of Education; and making the Act an emergency measure.

SB 735	State Board of Education - Online Courses - Approval Processing Fees
Sponsored By	Senator Rosapepe
Synopsis	Authorizing the State Board of Education to set reasonable fees for the costs incurred by the State Department of Education for processing approvals for online courses and services.

HB 1222	State Board of Education - Online Courses - Approval Processing Fees
Sponsored By	Delegates Boteler, Cluster, George, Glass, Hixson, Hough, Ivey, Kach, McDermott, A. Miller, Myers, Norman, Stukes, and Weir
Synopsis	Authorizing the State Board of Education to set reasonable fees for the costs incurred by the State Department of Education for processing approvals for online courses and services.

SB 736	Primary and Secondary Education - Online Courses - Acceptance of Courses Approved by Other States
Sponsored By	Senator Rosapepe
Synopsis	Authorizing the State Department of Education or a county board of education to procure online courses and services that have been approved by a state that the Department has determined has curriculum content standards consistent with the Maryland content standards; and making the Act an emergency measure.

HB 1215	Primary and Secondary Education - Online Courses - Acceptance of Courses Approved by Other States
Sponsored By	Delegates Boteler, Cluster, George, Glass, Hough, Ivey, Kach, McDermott, A. Miller, Myers, Norman, Stukes, Walker, and Weir
Synopsis	Authorizing the State Department of Education or a county board of education to procure online courses and services that have been approved by a state that the Department has determined has curriculum content standards consistent with the Maryland content standards; and making the Act an emergency measure.

SB 844	Partnership for Student Education and Community Investment Tax Credit
Sponsored By	Senators DeGrange, Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Dyson, McFadden, and Peters
Synopsis	Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the tax credit; requiring specified entities to submit an application to be a student assistance organization by January 1 of each year; establishing the Partnership for Student Education and Community Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

HB 1216	Partnership for Student Education and Community Investment Tax Credit
Sponsored By	Delegate Walker
Synopsis	Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the tax credit; requiring specified entities to submit an application to be a student assistance organization by January 1 of each year; establishing the Partnership for Student Education and Community Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

SB 848	Education - Maintenance of Effort
Sponsored By	Senator King
Synopsis	Authorizing a county governing body, for a specified purpose and under specified circumstances, to set a property tax rate that is higher than the rate authorized under the county's charter or to collect more property tax revenues than are authorized under the county's charter, notwithstanding any provision of the county charter that places limits on the county's property tax rate or revenues; etc.

SB 851	Education - Maintenance of Effort - Waiver of Penalty
Sponsored By	Senators King, Forehand, Garagiola, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, and Raskin
Synopsis	Waiving the penalty for not meeting the maintenance of effort requirement in a specified year.

SB 863	Public Schools - Dating Violence - Kristen Marie Mitchell Law
Sponsored By	Senators Manno, Colburn, and Montgomery
Synopsis	Adding dating violence to provisions of law requiring the reporting of incidents of specified conduct by a county board of education; altering the content of a specified form and report, policies, and educational programs to include incidents of dating violence; requiring the State Board of Education to develop, by a specified date, a model policy that includes a prohibition on dating violence; altering the date by which each county board is required to submit a specified policy to the State Superintendent of Schools; etc.

HB 1110	Public Schools - Dating Violence - Kristen Marie Mitchell Law
Sponsored By	Delegates Kramer, Carter, Arora, Barkley, Carr, Cullison, DeBoy, Dumais, Frick, Frush, Howard, Hucker, Kaiser, A. Kelly, K. Kelly, W. Miller, Reznik, B. Robinson, Simmons, Sophocleus, Stein, Summers, and Valderrama
Synopsis	Adding dating violence to provisions of law requiring the reporting of incidents of specified conduct by a county board of education; altering the content of a specified form and report, policies, and educational programs to include incidents of dating violence; requiring the State Board of Education to develop, by a specified date, a model policy that includes a prohibition on dating violence; altering the date by which each county board is required to submit a specified policy to the State Superintendent of Schools; etc.

SB 867	State Department of Education - Oral Health Education
Sponsored By	Senators Conway, Dyson, Montgomery, Rosapepe, and Simonaire
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate specified oral health education, develop a process to monitor specified implementation of oral health education, and submit a summary to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015 and every 5 years thereafter; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage specified county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the boards' health education curriculum; etc.

SB 876	Public School Teachers and Administrators - Appeals and Layoffs - Rights and Limitations
Sponsored By	Senator Ferguson
Synopsis	Limiting the review by the State Board of Education of the decision of a county board to suspend or dismiss specified public school teachers and administrators to a review on the record; requiring public school employers to negotiate teacher layoff policies as part of collective bargaining; requiring the use of performance evaluations in policies relating to teacher layoff decisions; etc.

HB 1210	Public School Teachers and Administrators - Appeals and Layoffs - Rights and Limitations
Sponsored By	Delegates Rosenberg and Hucker
Synopsis	Limiting the review by the State Board of Education of the decision of a county board to suspend or dismiss specified public school teachers and administrators to a review on the record; requiring public school employers to negotiate teacher layoff policies as part of collective bargaining; requiring the use of performance evaluations in policies relating to teacher layoff decisions; etc.

SB 878	Education - Preschool for All - Establishment and Funding
Sponsored By	Senator Ferguson
Synopsis	Establishing specified funding for prekindergarten students by altering a specified definition to include prekindergarten students in the number of students enrolled; altering a specified funding calculation to phase in a reduction of specified funding; altering a specified definition to make specified children eligible for prekindergarten; etc.

SB 892	Gaming - Video Lottery Terminals and Table Games
Sponsored By	Senators Peters, Colburn, King, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden, Robey, Klausmeier, and Ferguson
Synopsis	Authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation license and 4,750 additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery facility in a specified location in Prince George's County; requiring, after a specified date, specified video lottery terminal devices be owned or leased by specified video lottery operation licensees; altering a specified prohibition so as to prohibit an individual or entity from owning an interest in more than two lottery facilities; submitting provisions of the Act to a referendum; etc.

SB 1090	Public Schools - Provision of Supplemental Educational Services
Sponsored By	Senator Pugh
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education to supervise the provision of supplemental educational services in the State; requiring the Department to assist county boards of education in developing specified funding applications in a specified manner, develop a specified process for the approval of supplemental educational services providers, provide a specified notice to potential providers, maintain a list of State-approved providers, and repeal the approval of a specified provider; etc.

HB 1450	Public Schools - Provision of Supplemental Educational Services
Sponsored By	Delegates Mitchell and Ivey
Synopsis	Requiring the State Department of Education to supervise the provision of supplemental educational services in the State; requiring the Department to assist county boards of education in developing specified funding applications in a specified manner, develop a specified process for the approval of supplemental educational services providers, provide a specified notice to potential providers, maintain a list of State-approved providers, and repeal the approval of a specified provider; etc.