

Maryland Association of Boards of Education

Legislative Committee

Joy Schaefer, Chair

January 29, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Miller Senate Building, Conference Center West, Annapolis

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Joy Schaefer, Chair

Holds for Legislative Committee Decisions

John Woolums, MABE

HB 22 - Education - Privacy of Education Records and Personal Information of Students (Hold) Restricts the authority of the state or local school system to collect or disclose student information or records; requires active parental consent to student surveys not mandated in federal or state law. **(Oppose)**

HB 44 - Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language (Hold) Authorizing the parents of a child with a disability to request the translation into their native language of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan; and requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents with a translation of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan within 30 days after the date of the request. **(Oppose)**

SB 15 - Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program (Hold) Establishes a Task Force to determine current practices for identifying and treating dyslexia in students in Maryland public schools and in other states; determine the structure for establishing a dyslexia education program; and develop a pilot program to initiate the implementation of the task force's recommendations. **(Support with Amendments)**

Bill Positions

John Woolums, MABE

HB 19 - Truant Students - System of Active Intervention - Requirements (Oppose) Requires each local board of education to develop an Individualized Reengagement Plan as part of the current system of active intervention for a truant student who is at least 16 years old or who is not accumulating sufficient credits to reasonably complete a high school diploma before the age of 21.

HB 28 - Primary and Secondary Education - Security - School Resource Officer (Oppose) Requires at least one school resource officer (SRO) to be assigned to each public school. If a public school does not have at least one assigned SRO as of August 1, 2015, the school's local superintendent must hire a retired law enforcement officer to serve as the SRO.

HB 34 - Education - Implementation of the Common Core State Standards - Prohibition (Oppose) Prohibiting the State Board of Education and specified county boards of education from establishing specified educational policies, curriculum, and guidelines that include or are based on the Common Core State Standards.

HB 65 - Education - Maintenance of Effort - Lease Payment Exclusion (Oppose) Authorizing certain county governing bodies to exclude certain lease 4 payments made by a county board of education from the maintenance of effort 5 calculation under certain circumstances.

HB 159 - Special Education - Standards and Workload Guidelines for Teachers and Related Services Providers (Oppose) Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that establish workload guidelines for special education teachers and related services providers; requiring the State Board to conduct a specified analysis of the administrative responsibilities of special education teachers and make specified recommendations beginning with the 2016-2017 school year; etc.

Budget Bill Positions

HB 70 (SB 55) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2016) (Support with Amendments to restore the \$68 million reduction in GCEI funding) Provides \$5.3 billion for state aid to education, including \$67 million for GCEI; and provides \$767 million for teacher retirement system payments.

HB 72 (SB 57) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2015 (Support with Amendment to restore \$76 million in reductions caused by eliminating the inflation factor and delaying the Net Taxable Income (NTI) education aid adjustment) Eliminates the inflation factor in FY 2016 and delays full implementation of the Net Taxable Income (NTI) education aid adjustment, for a combined reduction of \$76 million in required FY 2016 state aid to education.

[HB 71](#) (SB 56) - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015 (Support) Provides \$250 million in General Obligation (GO) Bond financing, and \$30 million in PAYGO operating funding, and \$6.1 million for the Aging Schools Program to support FY 2016 school construction and renovation projects.

[HB 110](#) (SB 79) - Creation of a State Debt - Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (Support) Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,625,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies.

Local Bills of Note

(Note: No local board requests for MABE positions)

[SB 27](#) - Baltimore County Public Schools - Revocation of Magnet Status - Approval (Local) Providing that, in Baltimore County, the revocation of the magnet status of a public school approved by the Baltimore County Board of Education after recommendation by the county superintendent does not become effective until the revocation is approved by the majority vote of the Baltimore County Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly.

[SB 71](#) - Reappointment of Washington County Superintendent of Schools - Exemption (Local) Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools.

[SB 123](#) - Baltimore County - Public High Schools - Adoption of School Schedule (Local) Authorizing a public high school in Baltimore County to adopt a school schedule for that school; requiring the principal of a public high school to convene a school schedule committee to study and recommend a school schedule; providing for the 20-member school schedule committee and the election and appointment of specified members of a committee; providing for the duties of a school schedule committee; requiring the adoption of a school schedule by a specified vote; etc.