

# Maryland Association of Boards of Education

## Legislative Committee

Joy Schaefer, Chair

### Agenda

March 30, 2015

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Welcome & Introductions	Joy Schaefer	5 min.
2.	Reports from Board Members: State and Local Advocacy Updates	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer/ All	15 min.
3.	Budget & Priority Bill Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operating &amp; Capital Budget</li><li>• Post-Labor Day, Burden of Proof, Education Tax Credits</li></ul>	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	15 min.
4.	Priority Bill Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charter School Expansion Act<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review Senate Amendments and Current Senate and House Status</li></ul></li></ul>	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	40 min.
5.	Bill Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Blind Mobility Assessments</li></ul></li><li>• Health<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Diabetes Volunteer Health Aides</li></ul></li><li>• School Calendar/Scheduling<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Healthy School Hours/Later Start-time</li></ul></li></ul>	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	40 min.
6.	Legislative Committee Calendar (Sine Die April 13, 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apr. 27, 2015 - Session Wrap-Up</li></ul>	Information	Joy Schaefer	5 min.
7.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Joy Schaefer	

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## Meeting Materials

### Budget Updates

- **Budget Bill ([SB 55/HB 70](#))** (Support with Amendments)
- **Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act ([HB 72/SB 57](#))** (Support with Amendments)
- **Capital Budget ([HB 71/SB 56](#))** (Support)

### Priority Bill Updates

- **Charter School Expansion Act ([SB 595/HB 486](#))** (Oppose – expected to pass in the Senate with extensive amendments. Amendments and additional materials will be distributed as available prior to the meeting.)

### Bill Updates

- **Special Education**

#### **Blind Mobility Assessments ([SB 538/HB 535](#))**

This bill requires orientation and mobility (O&M) instruction to be included in the individualized education program (IEP) of a child who is blind or visually impaired, unless the IEP team for that child determines, after an initial O&M evaluation, that O&M instruction is not appropriate for the child. The initial O&M evaluation must be provided to the child who is blind or visually impaired if a member of the child's IEP team states that O&M instruction is not appropriate for the child. A child may not be denied O&M instruction solely because the child has some remaining vision. Each local school system must provide verbal and written notice at least annually to the parent of a child who is blind or visually impaired of the availability of O&M instruction. (Oppose – passed Senate)

- **Health**

#### **Diabetes Volunteer Health Aides ([SB 672/HB 992](#))**

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in consultation with other experts and stakeholders, to establish guidelines for the training of school employees to become trained diabetes care providers. Each local board of education must require each public school within its jurisdiction to establish a Student Diabetes Management Program that includes training for employee volunteers to provide diabetes care services to students. The bill requires a school nurse or trained diabetes care provider to be available during school hours and at school-sponsored activities. (Oppose – passed Senate)

- **School Calendar/Scheduling**

#### **Education - Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours – Establishment ([HB 1081](#))**

This bill establishes an Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Orange Ribbon certification is intended to recognize local school systems that create, implement, and enforce school start times that are consistent with those recommended by MSDE, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). To receive Orange Ribbon certification, a local school system may not have (1) an elementary school requiring a student to be in class before 8:00 a.m. and board a school bus before 7:00 a.m. and (2) a middle or high school requiring a student to be in class before 8:30 a.m. and board a school bus before 7:30 a.m. Other certification criteria are specified. (Oppose – passed House)