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BILL: Senate Bill 1125
TITLE: Education - Maryland Extended Day and Summer Enhancement Programs Act
POSITION: SUPPORT
DATE: March 17, 2016
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation Committee
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the state's twenty-four local boards of education, supports Senate Bill 1125.

This bill establishes a Maryland Extended Day and Summer Enhancement Program and Grant in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). MSDE must develop and administer the grant program to assist local school systems and nonprofit organizations in expanding or creating extended day and summer enhancement programs. The bill provides that for FY 2018 through FY 2021, the Governor must include \$10 million annually in the State budget for the program, 25% of which must be made available for capital purposes.

MABE supports the bill's proposal to have MSDE, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), develop a comprehensive plan for extended day or summer enhancement programs to benefit the students most impacted by living in economically disadvantaged communities. Appropriately, Senate Bill 1125 would also supply funds for capital projects that are related to extended day and summer enhancement programs.

MABE looks forward to the successful collaboration envisioned by this legislation between local school systems, state agencies, local governments, and nonprofits to develop much needed programs, services, and opportunities for our students to flourish in school and outside the school day and school year.

For these reasons, MABE requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 1125.