

BILL: House Bill 1084
TITLE: Calvert County - County Superintendent of Schools - Postemployment Compensation and Benefits
POSITION: OPPOSE
DATE: February 24, 2018
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's local boards of education, opposes House Bill 1084.

At the request of the Calvert County Board of Education, MABE is opposing House Bill 1084 because it would limit the board's authority relative to all other jurisdictions in their ability to negotiate superintendent contracts. MABE agrees that this legislation would inappropriately limit the local board's independent decision-making authority with regards to negotiating on the provision of post-employment benefits, which typically involve the amount of retiree health insurance.

Maryland statutes governing the roles and responsibilities of local boards of education clearly provide the authority to appoint and determine compensation for local superintendents. Section 4-202 of the Education Article provides that each local superintendent is entitled to the compensation set by the local board. MABE opposes legislation infringing on this authority on a statewide basis; and, at the request of the Calvert County Board of Education, is opposing this local bill.

For these reasons, MABE requests an unfavorable report on House Bill 1084.