MABE 2017 Session Testimony

House Bills

House Bill 1
TITLE: Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 10, 2017
COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

House Bill 18
TITLE: Task Force to Improve Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Scores for Maryland Public School Students
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 2, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 75
TITLE: Education – Graduation Requirements – Fine Arts
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 2, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 151
TITLE: Capital Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2018)
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations

House Bill 152
TITLE: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations

House Bill 153
TITLE: Creation of a State Debt – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations
**House Bill 174**  
**TITLE:** Education – Children With Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent  
**POSITION:** OPPOSE  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 9, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means

**House Bill 186**  
**TITLE:** Vehicle Laws – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Repeat Violations  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 9, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Environment and Transportation

**House Bill 257**  
**TITLE:** Education – Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program – Administration (Maryland Meals for Achievement for Teens Act of 2017)  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 9, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means

**House Bill 259**  
**TITLE:** Maryland Transportation Authority – Public School Buses – Exemption From Tolls  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 16, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Environment and Transportation

**House Bill 263**  
**TITLE:** School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies – Repeal  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 9, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Environment and Transportation

**House Bill 270**  
**TITLE:** Environment – Testing for Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools  
**POSITION:** OPPOSE  
**MABE Testimony**  
**DATE:** February 24, 2017  
**COMMITTEE:** Environment and Transportation

**House Bill 273**  
**TITLE:** Education – Summer Meals Expansion Grant Program – Established  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 286
TITLE: Education – Specialized Intervention Services – Reports
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 287
TITLE: Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 288
TITLE: State Department of Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Funding (Free School Meals for Students From Low- and Middle-Income Families Act)
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 300
TITLE: Video Lottery Terminals – Disposition of Unclaimed Winnings
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 331
TITLE: Education – Behavior Intervention Plans – Physical Restraint and Seclusion
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 341
TITLE: Maryland Student Transportation Safety Act
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation
House Bill 372
TITLE: Public Schools – Voluntary Nonsectarian Prayer at School-Sponsored Student Events
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 400
TITLE: Education – Public School Holidays – Presidents’ Day and Easter Monday
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 413
TITLE: Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 425
TITLE: Public Schools – Suspensions and Expulsions
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 458
TITLE: Visual Impairments – Requirements for Teacher Training, Student Screening, and Maryland Medical Assistance Program Coverage
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 461
TITLE: Education – Accountability Program – Assessments (Less Testing, More Learning Act of 2017)
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 495
TITLE: Vehicle Laws – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Civil Penalty
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 23, 2017
COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

House Bill 497
TITLE: Education – Grounds for Discipline
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 512
TITLE: The James Samuel Coleman Act of 2017
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 513
TITLE: Education – Participants in Interscholastic Athletic Activities – Concussions – Penalties for Coaches
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 548
TITLE: Education – Prekindergarten Student Assessment – Moratorium
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 590
TITLE: State Board of Education – Membership – Teachers and Parents
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 611
TITLE: Handguns – School Employees – Handgun Permits and Carrying Weapons on School Property
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
House Bill 616
TITLE: Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Attendance Policy
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 654
TITLE: Education – Statewide Kindergarten Assessment – Completion
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 656
TITLE: Environment – Municipal Stormwater Charges – Property Subject to Charges
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

House Bill 669
TITLE: Public Schools – Boards of Education – Anonymous Two-Way Text Messaging Tip Programs
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 684
TITLE: Education – Grant for Declining Education Aid
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations

House Bill 696
TITLE: Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools – Discrimination – Prohibition
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 746
TITLE: Public School Labor Relations Board – Administration and Enforcement – Revisions
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 767**
TITLE: **Public Information Act – Inspection of Records from Body-Worn Digital Recording Devices**
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Judiciary

**House Bill 786**
TITLE: **Education – Individualized or Group Behavioral Counseling Services – Establishment**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 10, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 834**
TITLE: **Education – Maryland High School Diploma – Civics Test Requirement**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 24, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 845**
TITLE: **Education – Public School Indoor Air Quality**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations

**House Bill 866**
TITLE: **Primary and Secondary Education – Health and Safety Guidelines and Procedures – Digital Devices**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 24, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 878**
TITLE: **Public Charter School Act of 2017**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
House Bill 880
TITLE: Open Meetings Act – Required Training for Members of Public Bodies
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

House Bill 920
TITLE: Primary and Secondary Education – School Personnel – Training Requirement
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 24, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 920
TITLE: Primary and Secondary Education – School Personnel – Training Requirement
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony (SENATE))
DATE: March 29, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (SENATE)

House Bill 975
TITLE: Education – Digital Equity for All Maryland Students Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 978
TITLE: Education – Accountability – Consolidated State Plan and Support
and Improvement Plans (Protect Our Schools Act of 2017)
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 980
TITLE: Children Exempt From Public School Attendance – Participation in Public High
School Clubs and Activities
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 10, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 1066
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 1082**
TITLE: Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 (Start Talking Maryland Act)
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

**House Bill 1109**
TITLE: Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – County Boards of Education Payments
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Appropriations

**House Bill 1145**
TITLE: Public School Employee Whistleblower Protection Act
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 1171**
TITLE: Public School Employees – Required Training on Retirement Benefits
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 1222**
TITLE: Maryland School Discipline Reform Act
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

**House Bill 1240**
TITLE: Individualized Education Programs – Burden of Proof in Due Process Hearings and Studies
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
House Bill 1240
TITLE: Individualized Education Programs – Burden of Proof in Due Process Hearings and Studies
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony (SENATE)
DATE: April 5, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (SENATE)

House Bill 1351
TITLE: Education – Foreign Language Requirement – Computer Programming Language Courses
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 10, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 1412
TITLE: Education – Public School Holidays – Veterans Day and Easter Monday
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 1486
TITLE: Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs – Research-Based Reading Instruction
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 7, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 1560
TITLE: Education – Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Consent
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

House Bill 1603
TITLE: Education – County Boards of Education – Removal of County Superintendents
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

Senate Bills
Senate Bill 1
TITLE: **Education – Specialized Intervention Services – Reports**
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: January 25, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 90
TITLE: **Public and Nonpublic Schools – Classwork and Assessment Involving Live and Dead Animals – Student Right of Refusal**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: January 25, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 145
TITLE: **Education – Statewide Kindergarten Assessment – Completion**
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: January 25, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 153
TITLE: **Public Schools – Length of School Year Adjustment – State of Emergency**
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 154
TITLE: **Vehicle Laws – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Civil Penalty**
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: January 25, 2017
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings Committee

Senate Bill 155
TITLE: **School Vehicles – Seat Belts – Requirements**
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: January 25, 2017
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings Committee

Senate Bill 172
TITLE: **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017**
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 197
TITLE: Creation of a State Debt – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds
POSITION: SUPPORT

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 201
POSITION: SUPPORT

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 228
TITLE: Video Lottery Terminals – Disposition of Unclaimed Winnings
POSITION: SUPPORT

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 230
TITLE: Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Finance

Senate Bill 232
TITLE: Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Attendance Policy
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 263
TITLE: Education – Maryland High School Diploma – Civics Test Requirement
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: February 1, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 264
TITLE: Maryland Transportation Authority – Public School Buses – Exemption From Tolls
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 319
TITLE: Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 346
TITLE: Education – Prekindergarten Students – Funding
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 359
TITLE: Education – Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program – Administration (Maryland Meals for Achievement for Teens Act of 2017)
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 360
TITLE: State Department of Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Funding (The Maryland Cares for Kids Act)
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 361
TITLE: Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 370
TITLE: Digital Equity for All Maryland Students Act of 2017
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Senate Bill 450
TITLE: Open Meetings Act – Required Training for Members of Public Bodies
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 16, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 452
TITLE: Education – Accountability Program – Assessments (Less Testing, More Learning Act of 2017)
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 472
TITLE: Environment – Municipal Stormwater Charges – Property Subject to Charges
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 14, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs & Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 537
TITLE: Public Health – School Buildings – Minimum Health Standards (Healthy Schools Program)
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 538
TITLE: Public School Construction – Regulations – Equitable Distribution of Projects and Improvements
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 23, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 557
TITLE: Education – Maryland Education Opportunity Account Program – Established
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 23, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 604
TITLE: Visual Impairments – Requirements for Teacher Training, Student Screening, and Maryland Medical Assistance Program Coverage
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 609
TITLE: State Board of Education – Membership – Teachers and Parents
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 618
TITLE: Education – Achievement School District – Establishment
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 651
TITLE: Public Schools – Suspensions and Expulsions
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony (HOUSE)
DATE: April 5, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

Senate Bill 667
TITLE: Education – Prekindergarten Student Assessment – Moratorium
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 710
TITLE: Education – Children With Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 710
TITLE: Education – Children With Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony (HOUSE)
DATE: April 5, 2017
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee (HOUSE)
Senate Bill 760
TITLE: Education – Grounds for Discipline
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 786
TITLE: Education – Behavior Intervention Plans – Physical Restraint and Seclusion
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 849
TITLE: Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools – Discrimination – Prohibition
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 28, 2017
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

Senate Bill 871
TITLE: Education – Accountability – Consolidated State Plan and Support and Improvement Plans (Protect Our Schools Act of 2017)
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 970
TITLE: Public Information Act – Inspection of Records from Body-Worn Digital Recording Devices
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: February 21, 2017
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

Senate Bill 994
TITLE: School Overcrowding Reduction Act of 2017
POSITION: OPPOSE
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 1001
TITLE: Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – County Boards of Education Payments
POSITION: SUPPORT
MABE Testimony
DATE: March 9, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 1024
TITLE: Education – Grant for Declining Education Aid
POSITION: SUPPORT

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

Senate Bill 1060
TITLE: Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 (Start Talking Maryland Act)
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 1089
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 15, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill 1137
TITLE: Public School Employees – Required Training on Retirement Benefits
POSITION: OPPOSE

MABE Testimony
DATE: March 8, 2017
COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs