

BILL: House Bill 1082
TITLE: Blueprint for Maryland's Future Implementation – Funding and Independent Evaluation – Alterations
POSITION: SUPPORT
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COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) supports House Bill 1082 in order to secure both state and local funding to support the offices of the local Blueprint Implementation Coordinators. MABE also supports the other amendments contained in the bill to adjust implementation and reporting timelines.

MABE strongly supports House Bill 1082 to require state and local government cost-sharing for the salaries and related costs of local Blueprint Implementation Coordinators. These professionals are responsible for coordinating with the AIB and MSDE, and developing local implementation plans and therefore critical to the success of the Blueprint.

As this committee knows, the Blueprint law is an enormous and multi-faceted set of education funding and policy reforms. At its core, the Blueprint mandates increases in State and local funding for public education that represent the full commitment Maryland must make to fully and equitably fund a world class public education for all of Maryland's nearly 900,000 students. MABE knows that the role of sufficiently funded and supported offices of local Blueprint Implementation Coordinators is essential to achieving their school system's transformative, comprehensive, and therefore quite costly Blueprint reforms.

For these reasons, MABE requests a favorable report on House Bill 1082.