The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **SB570 Vision Disorders - Requirements for Student Screening - Revisions**. This bill would expand student vision screenings by requiring the administration of a screening designed to detect possible symptoms of specified vision disorders. The bill would also require screenings to be given in certain years to students unless evidence is presented that the student has been tested by certain doctors or screened for the symptoms of certain vision disorders.

The prescriptive requirements established under the proposed legislation create an unfunded mandate that would impose upon local board authority. Current Maryland law already mandates vision screening tests for students in public schools. Vision screenings are required in the year that a student enters a school system, enters the first grade, and enters the eighth or ninth grade. In addition, the Maryland State Department of Education is in the process of developing school health guidelines regarding vision and screening of students. As such, the proposed legislation is unnecessary.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB570.