



**HB357 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - DISAPPROVAL BY STATE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports **HB357 Appointment of County Superintendent of Schools - Disapproval by State Superintendent of Schools**. This bill establishes that the State Superintendent of Schools may *only* disapprove an appointment of a county superintendent of schools only if the appointee does not meet the qualifications specified for the position.

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports the authority of a local board of education to select a superintendent who meets the unique needs of its respective school system. By retaining decision-making authority at the local level, local boards of education can best determine the best candidate to serve as superintendent to lead their schools. As such, we the proposed legislation which affirms the authority of local boards of education to appoint local superintendents of schools.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB357.