



**HB513 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION - ESTABLISHING REGIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION SCHOOLS - AUTHORITY AND FUNDING**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **HB513 County Boards of Education - Establishing Regional Career and Technical Education Schools - Authority and Funding**. This bill authorizes five local school boards and an institution of higher education on the Eastern Shore to establish a regional career and technical education (CTE) school under specified conditions. The State must provide 100% of per pupil operating and school construction funding for a school established under the bill in addition to education formula aid provided to the school systems under current law. A regional CTE school must comply with all regulations and statutory provisions governing other public schools.

AACPS opposes new State initiatives that need funding from the Public School Construction Program. HB513 would not benefit AACPS and our CIP program because Anne Arundel County and AACPS do not comport with the eligibility criteria. Fewer public school construction projects may receive State funding annually as a result of this bill. This legislation could result in the loss of State funding for other public school construction projects at AACPS because it would further dilute currently available funding.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB513.