



**HB1125 HIGH SCHOOLS - POSTSECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
PROGRAMS - REPORTING ON STUDENT ACCEPTANCE RATES**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **HB1125 High Schools - Postsecondary Career and Technology Education Programs - Reporting on Student Acceptance Rates**. This bill requires each local school system to report to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) by March 1 each year: 1) the number of students from each high school who were accepted into postsecondary career and technology education (CTE) programs during the previous calendar year; and 2) the types of programs in which the students were accepted. By April 1 each year MSDE must publish this information on its website as specified.

AACPS maintains and operates two robust CTE programs in dedicated space at the Centers for Applied Technology North and South. The AACPS Career and Technology Education Office provides leadership, support, and resources for all courses and programs in the areas of Applied Technology, Business Education, Computer Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology Education. CTE programs offer students an opportunity to get a head start on their career as well as post-secondary education. These programs are in high demand by AACPS students and the business community. However, this legislation is an unfunded mandate as it would require AACPS to design a system to collect, manage, and report the identified data. In addition, this information would be self-reported data that is difficult to collect and verify.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1125.