



**HB1211 FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT - COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE
COURSES**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **HB1211 Foreign Language Requirement - Computer Programming Language Courses**. This bill allows a local board of education to authorize a student to satisfy a State or local middle or high school foreign language requirement by completing a course in computer programming language. The State Board of Education must adopt regulations that establish the computer programming language courses that fulfill the requirements of the bill.

AACPS endeavors to educate students about other languages and cultures through our world and classical languages curriculum. The inclusion of computer programming as a foreign language/world and classical languages undermines and dilutes the intended value of the foreign language/world and classical languages component within public education.

AACPS is a strong proponent of the value of the current graduation requirement for a credit in foreign language. Now, more than ever, it is important for our students to have a credit in foreign language to graduate from high school. Maryland students need to be educated to be globally competitive and fully prepared to participate in the world community of commerce and ideas.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1211.