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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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**Vote Yes on Senate Bill SB: 1026**

**Bill Title: Interagency Commission on School Construction - Project Approval -  
Prioritization**  
**Hearing Date: March 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Chair: Senator Guy Guzzone, Vice Chair: Senator Jim Rosapepe**

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 1026. This bill is important because it will require that the Interagency Commission on School Construction prioritize completion of specific projects.

There were several schools which were affected and eventually closed due to alarming facilities issues. In order to correct these issues the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) must be required to prioritize projects in or near a school facility that closed during the school year. Due to school facilities closing during the school year it is important that we prioritize specific construction sites ahead of others.

In an effort to improve school facilities that closed last year due to alarming issues, we hope you vote for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 1026.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cory'.

Cory V. McCray  
State Senator

**AACPS\_UNF\_SB1026**

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**SB1026 INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION - PROJECT APPROVAL –  
PRIORITIZATION**

March 11, 2020

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

**OPPOSE**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **SB1026 Interagency Commission on School Construction - Project Approval - Prioritization**. This bill requires the Interagency Commission on School Construction, in approving public school construction projects, to give priority to a project located in or near a school facility that closed during the school year due to a severe issue in the facility.

AACPS opposes proposals which limit local authority over school facility prioritization, design, construction, procurement, maintenance, or operations. Each local education agency (LEA) has and should retain the local control and ability to develop and prioritize its public school construction program. If an LEA wishes to prioritize projects in the manner contemplated by this legislation, an LEA already has the authority and ability to do so. The IAC should not have the ability to usurp local control or local prioritization.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB1026.

**ABC\_UNF\_SB1026**

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TO: BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: S.B. 1026- INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION- PROJECT  
APPROVAL- PRIORITIZATION

POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes S.B. 1026 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would require the Interagency Commission on School Construction, when approving public school construction projects, to give priority to a project in or near a school facility that closed during the school year due to a severe issue.

There exists a lengthy and comprehensive process to determine the order new schools will be approved for construction. This process allows all stakeholders to participate and express their opinions on which schools should be built. The fiscal note indicates the local effect of the bill may result in some school construction projects that are currently prioritized by local school systems and county governments being delayed.



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As we are about to undertake a major school construction initiative as part of the Kirwan Report, this bill would hinder, not help, the orderly implementation of this effort.

On behalf of the over 1,500 business members of ABC in the state of Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B. 1026.

Robert Zinsmeister, Director  
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