



WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Delegate Trent Kittleman, President
Women's Caucus, Maryland General Assembly

Date: 3/3/2020

Re: SB791 County Boards of Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Policies and Reports

The Women's Legislative Caucus respectfully submits our support for SB791 County Boards of Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Policies and Reports.

This legislation requires each county board of education to establish a certain policy to support certain goals and improve the educational outcomes of pregnant and parenting students, collect and track certain data, and, on or before June 1 each year, beginning in 2021, submit the data in a certain manner to the University of Maryland Institute for Innovation and Implementation; and requires the Institute to analyze the data and submit certain reports to the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2024; etc.

As you may know, the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus is a bipartisan group of 73 women legislators and 8 associate male legislators who are currently serving in the Maryland General Assembly. The Caucus supports legislation that directly affect women and has bi-partisan support. On January 29th of this year, the members of the Caucus voted unanimously to support SB791.

Keeping pregnant and parenting women on track to graduate from high school and go on to pursue college is a good investment for these families and for society at large.

The Caucus respectfully requests a positive action on SB791.