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**BILL NO.:**            **HB 348**

**TITLE:**                **AP Opportunities Act of 2020**

**SPONSOR:**           **The Speaker (By Request - Administration)**

**COMMITTEE:**        **Ways and Means**

**POSITION:**          **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**                **February 5, 2020**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 348 – AP Opportunities Act of 2020. This legislation would provide Advanced Placement examination fee assistance for low-income students.

Advanced placement courses give students numerous advantages. Students can receive college credits, have more attractive college applications, and be in a class environment that better reflects their academic talents. Residents who require assistance for food, shelter, or basic quality of life necessities should also be able to qualify for an advanced education without having to suffer additional fiscal burdens.

As a former educator, County Executive Olszewski understands how the inability to afford an advanced education can continue the vicious cycle of poverty. Senate Bill 267 would level the playing field for students in need by providing funding assistance for Advanced Placement examination fees. By lowering the financial threshold for access to these examinations, the State would give low-income students access to an advanced education based on academic merit alone.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests **FAVORABLE** report on HB 348. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.