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Testimony on House Bill 528 – Education – Juvenile Services Education County Pilot Program – Workgroup Extension

Dear Madam Chair Anne Kaiser, Vice-Chair Alonzo Washington and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

For the record, my name is Anthony Richardson and I am an intern from Delegate Patterson's office. I am a senior Government and Politics major at the University of Maryland.

In 2018, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) established the Noyes School Pilot Project. Through the Noyes School Pilot Project, Montgomery County Public Schools will provide support to Noyes School students to align their curriculum with that of MCPS, where Noyes School students will re-enroll once they are released. As part of the program, a workgroup was established for the purposes of evaluation and potential expansion of the program.

House Bill 528 seeks to extend the deadline for the Juvenile Services Education County Pilot Program Workgroup to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly from December 1, 2019, to December 1, 2020. Further, the bill seeks to extend the termination provision of the Workgroup from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

This bill contains no fiscal note. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I am requesting a favorable report.

Respectfully,



Anthony Richardson