



SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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TESTIMONY

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**SB 161 – Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education
Position: Favorable with Amendment**

Maryland's community colleges strongly support the goals of the Task Force established by **SB 161 / HB 244** that creates a Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education and **asks that the Committee support an amendment that would add a community college representative designated by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Executive Director to serve on the Task Force.**

Our institutions would benefit greatly from the best practices to be explored by this task force and feel we can provide valuable input. Because our campuses are largely commuter campuses, our student population relies heavily on local area services and health clinics. Often the policies and procedures designed for four-year colleges and universities fail to examine and address the needs of community colleges and other commuter schools.

Therefore, MACC asks the Committee to add a community college representative on the Task Force as designated by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Executive Director.