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House Ways and Means Committee

In Support of HB 1278:

Department of Legislative Services – Study – Capacity and Accountability in State’s Education System, MSDE.

Good day members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

We fully support efforts to bring in an outside consultant to collect data, and conduct analysis as to the impacts, and utilization of Cares Act and Blueprint for Maryland’s future monies by MSDE, and local school systems across Maryland. With the data, analysis and reporting then being turned over to the Accountability and Implementation Board.

This data should prove to be instrumental in assessing the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Blueprint for Maryland’s future on our education system. Hoping that we see it paying dividends for all of our state’s students, teachers, and school staff members.

Gap Analysis; and should prove useful in finding any potential gaps in the planning for Covid-19 and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. Analysis of the utilization of Cares Act, and Kirwan Commission - Blueprint for Maryland’s planning and funding by MSDE and local school systems.

As education stakeholders and taxpayers, it is important for all of us to understand how Cares Act and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future funding has, or will be utilized in the future.

We support the hiring of a consultant, for the purposes of data collection and analysis. This data will also help all education stakeholders understand how prepared our state and local school systems will be to create a brighter future for all Maryland students.

Please support HB 1278 and return a favorable report.

Thank you for your time, and for considering my testimony today.

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