



## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Testimony by

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**HB 966- Higher Education – Academic Credit for Prior Learning Examinations – Policies and Procedures**

**POSITION: Support**

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The Maryland Association of Community Colleges, representing Maryland's 16 public two-year institutions of postsecondary education, offer our support for HB 966 and thanks the sponsor for his continuing support in assuring that Maryland's students have the information they need to make informed decisions in their pursuit of academic credentials.

HB 966 is a major step in enhancing transparency in awarding students academic credit for prior learning.

Community colleges are particularly concerned about vetting a student for prior learning only to find that the credit granted is lost upon transfer. This legislation will provide students with the information they need to choose the academic path that best meets their goal.

MACC offers our support for this legislation and asks the Committee to give it a favorable report.