



Charles County Commissioners

REUBEN B. COLLINS, II, ESQ., PRESIDENT

January 28, 2022

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Bill: SB0136 College of Southern Maryland – Charles County Campus – Transition to
Charles County Community College
Position: UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chairman Kagan, and Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Charles County convened a meeting on January 25, 2022 and voted at that time to **OPPOSE** SB136.

This bill establishes the Charles County Community College and the Board of Community College Trustees for Charles County by transitioning the College of Southern Maryland Charles County campus to the Charles County Community College.

We believe the College of Southern Maryland has been successful at serving the educational needs of our residents. There are many factors that make this legislation extremely problematic for Charles County, to include effectuating the transfer of assets, accreditation concerns, and ensuring the greatest availability of course offerings to our residents. Further, there is a significant fiscal note associated with the legislation that will be born by Charles County Government, without the corresponding increase in state funding.

Our current regional model presents the best option for providing students from Charles County with access to quality higher education. With funding from each of our participating counties, the College is able to leverage resources for the benefit of all students, and make course options available for all student across four campuses. Thank you for the opportunity to present our **OPPOSITION** to SB136.

Very truly yours,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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cc: Members, Senate Education,
Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
Charles County Delegation