

Senate Bill 136
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Unfavorable Report
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I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 136—College of Southern Maryland—Charles County Campus Transition to Charles County Community College. The College of Southern Maryland is a nationally-recognized regional community college that creates opportunities for all students in the Southern Maryland region.

I do not believe SB 136 is in the best interest of the students or taxpayers in Southern Maryland. Dismantling the College of Southern Maryland would decrease access to students, create unnecessary and costly duplication of administrative services and educational programs, and add to the tax burden of all three counties.

Recognizing the positive power of collaboration and integration, CSM as it is regionally configured maximizes the opportunities for success of all the businesses of Southern Maryland. As the region grew in the 1960's each county developed a community college campus tailored to their needs. As the businesses and Federal Agencies grew they each recruited talent from across the country. In the 1990's we recognized the opportunity to build across political boundaries providing the burgeoning work force educational opportunities in a location best suited them.

By every measure this has been an unquestionable success.

I ask that the members of the Senate Committee for Education, Health and Environmental Affairs give this bill an unfavorable report.