

Senate Bill 362
Primary and Secondary Education – Virtual Schools - Revisions
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
February 16, 2022

Letter of Information

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on Senate Bill 362 - Primary and Secondary Education – Virtual Schools - Revisions.

St. Mary's College of Maryland offers a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program in which we offer certification in fourteen different areas for aspiring secondary and K-12 teachers. Part of our MAT program's curriculum, well before the pandemic, is a class that focuses on the use of technology in the classroom. This course provides MAT students with the knowledge and skills to successfully deliver remote instruction and the ability to design effective teaching and assessment.

It is unknown what the most effective teaching pedagogies are for students who are engaged in remote learning for extended periods of time. Much research and development of virtual learning must take place before any methodologies can be recommended with a high degree of confidence. Should those methodologies require the addition of a new course to the MAT program, the College would need to address the necessary resources to provide that instruction. A change to our State-approved curriculum may also be necessary in order to accommodate a new course.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of St. Mary's College of Maryland.



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