



Testimony offered on behalf of:
THE GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FAVORABLE:
HB 1129 – Garrett County and Allegany County – Public Schools
– Virtual Education Days Pilot Programs

Ways & Means Committee
March 9, 2022

On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, representing 500 member organizations in Western Maryland, I write to express our support of **HB 1129 – Garrett County and Allegany County – Public Schools – Virtual Education Days Pilot Programs.**

Garrett County experiences an average of 120 inches of snow fall per year which often results in a number of school days being canceled or snow days for the schools. HB 1129 would allow for the Garrett County Public Schools (GCPS) to provide virtual education in lieu of snow days, thereby avoiding less interruption to learning and eliminating the need for make-up days.

The pandemic has proven that virtual learning is a viable option and this would provide a much-needed alternative to GCPS having to account for an unknown number of snow days and inclement weather.

The Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT on HB 1129.**

Sincerely,

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