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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chairman Ways and Means  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee

**RE: Request for a Favorable Report HB 792**

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Distinguished Members of Ways and Means Committee:

As this committee is well versed, the Kirwan law established career readiness as a tenant to improve the likelihood of success for all of Maryland's children.

The purpose of this bill is to take a giant step forward in the implementation of this goal by requiring MSDE and MHEC to convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders to develop policy and procedures for identify students who may benefit from dual enrolment in non-credit credential programs.

The bill is necessary as it will help local school systems and community colleges work out the administrative details that exist with fund transfers and policy conflicts.

This legislation also authorizes a career credential pilot program so that each jurisdiction can learn from one another and prioritize local implementation.

I am pleased to report that both MSDE and MHEC have reported that the goals of this bill can be accomplished using existing resources thus there is no fiscal impact. However, the positive impact of this bill is significant and life changing. Acquisition of a skill, trade or professional license for many is a pathway to self-sustainability.

HB 792 is timely in that MSDE has recently hired a specialist to concentrate on dual enrollment opportunities so this is a perfect time to convene the appropriate stakeholders to ensure prompt implementation.

For these reasons; I ask for a favorable report on HB 792.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ann Lisanti".

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