



Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 353 – Higher Education – Hunger Free Campus Grant Program - Alteration

Hearing Date: February 22, 2023

Position: Support

Moveable Feast supports *Senate Bill 353 – Higher Education – Hunger Free Campus Grant Program – Alteration*. The bill mandates a minimum funding level of \$1.5 million for the Hunger Free Campus Grant Program. The bill supports a Maryland strategy to address food insecurity on campuses. Research demonstrates that food insecurity impact students’ academic performance and overall health.ⁱ According to the most recent Hope Survey, 29% of students at 4-year colleges and 38% at community colleges experience food insecurity.ⁱⁱ Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

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ⁱ <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20220127.264905/>

ⁱⁱ <https://temple-news.com/hope-center-reports-on-students-basic-needs-insecurity-during-pandemic/>