



February 28, 2024

House Bill 909

**Education - Local Share of Major Education Aid - Nonrecurring Costs
Exclusion**

House Appropriations Committee

Position: FAVORABLE

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 909 – Education - Local Share of Major Education Aid - Nonrecurring Costs Exclusion.

This bill excludes non recurring costs from the highest appropriation to a county school’s operating budget once those costs are identified and agreed upon by the county.

Currently, school systems can apply for non recurring cost waivers by March 31st, which normally occurs while schools are in the early stages of assessing their budgets. The current deadline creates potential conflict for schools who need these waivers, but may not have much time to thoroughly assess the extra resources to obtain them. House Bill 909 seeks to remedy this issue by offering a secondary deadline of June 1st, allowing for additional time for waiver applications. This bill also defines non recurring costs and ensures that the Maintenance of Effort requirement is more attainable by excluding these costs from operating budgets once a governing body agrees. Laptops, instructional programs, and other learning enhancements should be accessible to available students, and House Bill 909 allows for flexibility in obtaining these critical learning tools.

Anne Arundel County supports giving our schools the best chance to implement a budget that reflects the needs of all of our students, and for these reasons, I respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 909.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steuart Pittman".

Steuart Pittman
County Executive