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**Good afternoon Committee Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe,  
and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,**

**My name is Kevin Maxwell and I appreciate the opportunity to  
testify in support of Senate Bill 5-244. The goals are enumerated  
in the bill, but significantly, having a driver's license is a  
requirement for many my employment opportunities including in  
public safety. Having worked with the Coalition for Public Safety  
Training in Schools as CEO of the Prince George's School System  
and having previously served on their Board, I speak with  
experience and feel strongly this bill will close a gap in  
opportunity for our children, particularly our most needy ones, and  
encourage them to seek employment in Public Service. Please  
support this bill.**

# **SB40\_LOS\_State Department of Education - Driver Ed**

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To: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

From: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake

Re: **Support Senate Bill (SB) 40 - State Department of Education - Driver Education and Career and Technical Education - Funding (Driver Education and Career Education Act of 2024)**

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents nearly 200 electrical contractors who employ approximately 15,000 workers in the mid-Atlantic region. In addition, IEC Chesapeake has nearly 1,000 electrical apprentices. As one of the three largest apprenticeship programs in Maryland, IEC Chesapeake supports SB40 which provides funding for driver education and career and technical education.

One aspect of SB40 calls for providing high school students access to driver education. Securing a driver's license is essential for career readiness. It will expand opportunities for employment and training for many students in Prince George's County.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Shmelzer, Executive Director of IEC Chesapeake, at 1-301-621-9545, extension 114 or at [gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com](mailto:gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com) or Kevin O'Keeffe at 410-382-7844 or at [kevin@kokeeffelaw.com](mailto:kevin@kokeeffelaw.com).

### **About Us**

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents members throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Our headquarters are located in Laurel, Maryland. IEC Chesapeake has an extensive apprenticeship program for training electricians. In addition, IEC Chesapeake promotes green economic growth by providing education and working with contractor members, industry partners, government policy makers and inspectors to increase the use of renewable energy.



# Written Testimony Supporting SB40.pdf

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Written Testimony  
Before the  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Supporting  
Senate Bill 40 (Driver Education and Career Education Act of 2024)

January 16, 2024

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) in support of the Driver Education and Career Education Act of 2024 (“SB 40”).

The purpose SB 40 is to provide funding for a driver’s education program for new drivers to acquire the knowledge and skills to become safe drivers. To prepare students for college, career, and job readiness, as well as meet the requirements of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, youth must complete driver’s education, which is not provided in Maryland schools. SB 40 will:

- Teach new drivers about how to safely operate a motor vehicle.
- Ensure new drivers learn about the State’s motor vehicle laws.
- Provide defensive driving instruction, learn traffic laws, techniques, and accident types to avoid accidents occurring.
- Teach the responsibilities of being a driver, so that they will be more cautious when they are on the road to reduce liability risks.
- Help youth attain their college and career goals.

A driver’s license is a credential for career readiness as well as a condition of employment in many careers. Since 2013, CPSTS has been providing free driver education scholarships to high school students. The mission of CPSTS is to educate, advocate, and foster the development of public safety and career technical training in schools and support workforce development for the benefit of the local community and society.

The appropriations from SB 40 will help CPSTS implement programs and supportive services to benefit at risk, low-income, and underserved youth:

- Career Development through pre-apprenticeships
- Career Shadowing Opportunities in the Public Safety Sector
- Mentoring
- Driver's License Credentialing
- Individual Counseling
- Educational and Informational Field Trips

Since February 2016, CPSTS has awarded 465 driver's education scholarships to students in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. Of those scholarships recipients, 54 students were fire cadets and became career firefighters. CPSTS funded the scholarships through grants and private donations.

A multi-year appropriation will sustain CPSTS services in the community and ensure our youth continue to receive the support they need to be successful.

CPSTS asks you return a favorable report on SB 40.

Respectfully Submitted,

//signed//

Carolyn Boston

President

Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.