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SB-0170

Title: Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth

Sponsored by: Senators Lewis Young and Ready

Committee Assignment: Budget and Taxation

FOR the purpose of establishing a task force on education funding and student population growth to examine the impacts of enrollment shifts, delayed student counts, and current funding formulas on county public school systems; collecting and analyzing data to identify challenges related to equitable and adequate education funding; developing recommendations to improve accuracy and timing of enrollment based funding allocations; reporting findings and proposed solutions to the Governor and the general assembly by December 15th, 2026.

Proposed Position: SUPPORT

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WHEREAS, the bill establishes a Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth to study how shifts in enrollment and current funding formulas impact the ability of county school systems to provide equitable services; and

WHEREAS, delays in student enrollment counts can create immediate budgetary shortfalls, as districts are often forced to cover the costs of uncounted students using local funds; and

WHEREAS, because Maryland’s funding model relies on per-pupil formulas and weighted student counts, accurate and timely data is essential to ensure that state aid reflects the actual student population served; and

WHEREAS, MASC opposes “[t]he misappropriation or deferment of funds that may constrain or negatively impact the student population and community” (MASC Platform, Plank III, F); therefore, be it hereby

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RESOLVED that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports SB-0170- Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth