



**HB802 STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION - ADJUSTMENT TO THE  
DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS - REPEAL**

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**SUPPORT**

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports **HB802 State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission - Adjustment to the Distribution of Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds - Repeal**. This bill repeals the authority of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to increase the distribution of video lottery terminal proceeds to video lottery facilities located in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Cecil County.

AACPS supports consideration of all available revenue options to support Maryland's public schools. This legislation would provide additional funding for public education – nearly \$16 million in FY2020 alone – via the Education Trust Fund. As expectations and standards rise, increased per-pupil spending is necessary to continue the educational success of Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland. As the General Assembly considers recommendations by the Commission on Innovation and Excellence and Education to build a world-class education system in Maryland, adequate funding for Pre-K–12 public education is essential. Adequate funding will help to ensure that all AACPS students have access to the appropriate programs and instructional support they need to meet rigorous standards and expectations, and ensure that AACPS is elevating all students and eliminating all gaps.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB802.