

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB259 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES - EXEMPTION FROM TOLLS

HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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The Anne Arundel County Board of Education **SUPPORTS House Bill 259 Maryland Transportation Authority - Public School Buses - Exemption From Tolls**. This bill would exempt school buses owned and operated by county boards of education from tolls, fees, or any other charges for the use of transportation facilities projects beginning on or before January 1, 2020.

House Bill 259 would eliminate an unnecessary transfer between government entities of funds such as tolls and fees by excluding the collections of same on public school buses owned and operated by county boards of education. The bill would also result in a cost savings to local school systems.

Accordingly, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education respectfully urges the committee to issue a **FAVORABLE** committee report **House Bill 259**.