

# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** SB264 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES - EXEMPTION FROM TOLLS

**HEARING DATE:** FEBRUARY 15, 2017

**COMMITTEE:** BUDGET AND TAXATION

**POSITION:** SUPPORT

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The Anne Arundel County Board of Education **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 264 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.

**Senate Bill 264** 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 **Senate Bill 264**.