

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SENATE BILL 1 EDUCATION - SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION SERVICES - REPORTS

HEARING DATE: MARCH 21, 2017

COMMITTEE: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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The Anne Arundel County Board of Education **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS Senate Bill 1 Education - Specialized Intervention Services - Reports**. This bill would require that, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each local board of education, by December 1 of each year, submit a report on specialized education services to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The report would be required to include information on the number of students receiving the services, the grades in which the services were provided, and the annual budget (including federal, State, and local funds) for the services. The bill would require MSDE to establish guidelines for the report each local board of education would be required to submit. MSDE and each local board of education would be required to annually post the information required under the bill on their respective websites.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports the intentions of **Senate Bill 1** to better understand how many students are receiving specialized intervention services, and the investments being made to provide these services. However, AACPS has concerns regarding the reporting requirements and the impact this bill would have on staff. While the bill would require county boards of education to track and report the specified data there is nothing in the bill which identifies how exactly the information would be utilized to benefit students. As such, AACPS supports an amendment that would create a workgroup to further study this issue and identify best practices.

Accordingly, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE with amendments** committee report on **Senate Bill 1**.