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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
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DATE: March 28, 2013
SUBJECT: Legislative Update

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide a legislative update and status report of issues relative to education legislation that is currently before the 2013 General Assembly. With a crossover date of March 25, 2013 we are in the process of either amending legislation that is moving forward or lobbying for favorable or unfavorable reports from the various committees.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The State Board of Education, during the Legislative Update, will be briefed on the current status of the following legislative proposals:

HB 1174 – Educator Evaluation System – Pilot Program Extension

Requiring the State Department of Education to extend the pilot program for the Educator Evaluation System until specified assessments are aligned with the Maryland Common Core State Curriculum and the assessments are fully implemented; and requiring the Department to take the steps necessary to implement the pilot program extension requirement.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/hb/hb1174F.pdf>

HB 1200 – Maryland Charter School Advisory Council – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Charter School Advisory Council within the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council; establishing the mission of the Council; establishing the membership of the Council; establishing the membership term; requiring the Governor or the Department to appoint a member in the event of a vacancy; requiring the Council members to elect the Council chair; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation except under specified circumstances; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/hb/hb1200F.pdf>

HB 1286 – Due Process Hearings for Children with Disabilities – Burden of Proof

Requiring the State Department of Education, a local school system, or any State agency responsible for providing education to students with disabilities to bear the burden of proof in a due process hearing relating to a dispute over the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or provision of a free appropriate education to a child with disabilities.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/hb/hb1286F.pdf>

SB 537 – Online Courses - Graduation Requirement

Requiring a student to complete an online course to graduate from high school, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2015-2016 school year; and requiring that specified online courses be approved by the State Department of Education or the local county board of education.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0537F.pdf>

SB 734/HB 1376 Mathematics - Graduation Requirement

Requiring the State Board of Education to establish high school graduation requirements in mathematics for specified students.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0734F.pdf>

SB 740 - College Readiness and Completion Act of 2013

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish specified mathematics course requirements for specified students; requiring students to enroll in a college preparation curriculum except in a specified circumstance; requiring the Department to make a specified assessment of all students in the 11th grade by a specified school year; requiring the Department, in collaboration with a specified association, to develop and implement specified courses for the 12th grade by a specified school year; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0740F.pdf>

SB 775 - Model Performance Evaluation Criteria – Implementation

Prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring a specified model performance evaluation criteria to take effect unless specified conditions are met.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/bills/sb/sb0775F.pdf>

ACTION:

For information and possible action.