

ACE-AFSCME **Annapolis Update**

Local 2250, AFL-CIO

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ANNAPOLIS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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H.B. 243 - Fairness in Negotiations Act

This legislation would create a Public School Labor Relations Board which would hear issues that are in disputes between the school systems and the employee organizations.

Currently, the State Board of Education hears disputes; however, they cannot be considered an impartial body. Most issues taken before the State Board for resolutions are resolved in favor of the school system rather than the employee organization.

AFSCME Local 2250, the Maryland State Educators Association and other AFSCME organizations are actively supporting this legislation.

Hearings will be held March 4th in the Senate Finance Committee and March 10th in the House Ways and Means Committee. Local 2250 will testify in support of this legislation.

S.B. 476 - Maintenance of Effort Penalty

This legislation would waive the Maintenance of Effort Penalty which was assessed against the Prince George's County Public School System.

The assessment is a significant amount of money which would further add to the budget problems currently facing the school system. Michelle Lewis, AFSCME International Political and Legislative Director for Maryland, testified in support of this legislation.

Pension Issue

As reported in an earlier Annapolis Update Report, there is still speculation that there will be legislation introduced which would pass some, if not all, of the cost associated with our pension system to local Boards of Education which would create another significant cost to the school system.

AFSCME Local 2250 will obviously oppose this legislation. **Stay Tuned.**

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