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BILL: Senate Bill 1125  
TITLE: Education – Maryland Extended Day and Summer Enrichment Programs Act  
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POSITION: SUPPORT  
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation  
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Senate Bill 1125 establishes the Maryland Extended Day and Summer Enhancement Program; requires the State Department of Education to administer the Program and consult with the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances; requires the Department of Education to develop a specified comprehensive plan on or before a specified date; and requires the Department of Education to review and update a specified comprehensive plan annually.

PSSAM applauds the intent of Senate Bill 1125 to establish a grant program to provide extended day and summer enhancements for students from low-income families. Student learning can be reinforced and enhanced with effective academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional services designed to complement the regular academic program. Senate Bill 1125 also seeks to supply funds for capital projects that are related to extended day and summer enhancement programming.

PSSAM enthusiastically **supports** Senate Bill 1125 for the following reasons.

This bill will mandate \$10 million dollars in FY 2018 through 2021 (25% for Capital purposes) that could be awarded to qualifying non-profits and education agencies to implement extended day and summer enhancement programs. The Grants will be allocated proportionally to the number of schools within the county.

Local school systems or non-profits are eligible for grants if their programs enhance the college and career readiness of the children within the program. They also must be administering the programs in school systems where at least 50% of the student population qualifies for a free lunch under the National School Lunch Program. Finally, local school systems must match the grant at least 1:1.

For the reasons stated above, PSSAM **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 1125 and requests a **favorable** committee report.