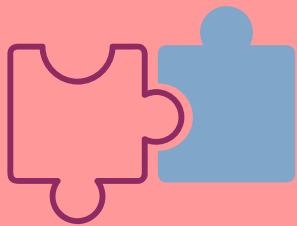


HB 678: Arts Equity in Education Act

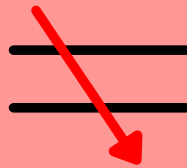
Fast Facts

As of Now...



Required Material

The arts are a required core subject area under the state's education regulations in COMAR; these regulations are currently an unfunded mandate.



Inequitable Access

Lack of dedicated funding contributes to inequitable access to the arts statewide, especially in districts with high concentrations of poverty.



Funding Mechanism

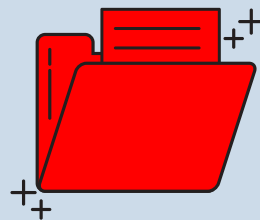
The Blueprint for Maryland's Future increases funding for education systems statewide. COMAR are regulations about instruction which do not have dedicated funding.

Impact of HB678



The Goal

The Arts Equity in Education Act (AEEA) dedicates \$25 million to supplement school district efforts in meeting COMAR's requirements and closing equity gaps. Funding uses include: Staffing, materials, equipment, professional development



Administration

AEEA will be administered by MSDE through existing grant and reporting processes already required under COMAR.



Funding

This bill takes the transformative step of allocating funds to ensure that schools can meet COMAR's requirements for a core subject area.