

### Weekly Legislative Updates

The following is an update on legislation the Chamber is following as well as legislation introduced that businesses would have an interest.

#### Chamber Hosts Annual Lunch with Delegation

As has been the custom over the past several legislative sessions, members of the Howard County Chamber staff, legislative affairs committee, and board of directors joined members of the Howard County Legislative Delegation for a discussion of public policy over lunch in Annapolis. Delegates Atterbeary, Flanagan, Kittleman, and Turner discussed issues related to education, labor, transportation, and budget/finance. In what was an extremely hectic day, we appreciate these four legislators for joining the Chamber in a discussion of issues.



*(Howard County House Delegation Chair, Vanessa Atterbeary briefs attendees on legislation)*

#### Paid Leave Continues to Progress

HB001 (SB230) – After passing its first reading in the House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee with a 14-9 vote last week, the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act also referred to as Paid Leave passed its second reading on the House Floor yesterday. The bill also had few major amendments despite a host of legislators proposing revisions to make the legislation more business palatable. The bill comes back again before House members this Friday. If the bill passes again, the bill will then go before the Senate for passage or amendments and then possible conference between the two chambers. To date, the Senate Finance Committee has not passed nor formally

amended SB230, the House companion bill. Chamber members are encouraged to contact their Howard County Delegation members and encourage them to give this legislation an “unfavorable or no” vote. Their information can be obtained by [clicking here](#).

#### Delegates Atterbeary and Ebersole Introduce Superintendent Removal Legislation

HB1603 – While Maryland Boards of Education hire Superintendents and approve their employment contracts, these same elected bodies are not able to remove a superintendent should they have philosophical differences or system performance declines to name a few. Seeking to remedy this, Delegates Atterbeary and Ebersole have introduced HB1603 which if passed would authorize specified county boards of education to remove a county superintendent of schools under specified circumstances; require a county superintendent who has been removed to be compensated subject to the terms of a specified contract or, if no such terms exist, for the remainder of the county superintendent's term. The bill has undergone its first reading in the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. To date, no further action has been taken. The Chamber will continue to monitor this legislation for the impacts it may have on Howard County.