

# State Legislative Report

March 31, 2011

To date, hearings have been conducted on a number of bills that impact Child Nutrition Programs.

## **House Bill 441 – Maryland Food and Nutrition Policy Council – Dept. of Ag.**

**Delegates:** Niemann, Beidle, Cane, Glenn, Lafferty

**Assigned to:** Environmental Matters Committee

### **Status:**

This bill received an unfavorable report in committee and has been withdrawn.

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## **House Bill 528 – Education, Open Space on Public School Property, Planting and Maintaining Gardens**

**Delegates:** Luedtke, Alston, Carr, Clippinger, Frick, Frush, Ivey, Kaiser, A. Kelly, Kipke, A. Miller, Mizeur, Morhaim, Niemann, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, F. Turner, Zucker

**Assigned to:** Ways and Means

## **Senate Bill 791 - Education, Open Space on Public School Property, Planting and Maintaining Gardens**

**Senator:** Raskin

**Assigned to:** Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

### **Summary:**

This is a cross-filed bill. The House version was successfully passed out of the Ways and Means committee with significant amendments that change the nature of the bill. This bill loosens the language considerably and mandates County School Board Policy on the use availability and use of school gardens. The companion Senate bill received an unfavorable report, but the House version was to have been reviewed in Hearing on March 29, 2011. No new information is available.

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## **House Bill 751 – Agriculture, Jane Lawton Farm to School Program, Reporting**

**Delegates:** Luedtke, Barkeley, Carr, Frick, Kaiser, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Waldstreicher

**Assigned to:** Environmental Matters

### **Summary:**

This bill has passed through the House committee and has been forwarded to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs committee for review.

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**House Bill 1061 – Public Schools – Meal Menus – Nutrition Information**

**Delegates:** Niemann, Carter, Glenn

**Assigned to:** Ways and Means

**Summary:**

This bill was subject to hearings on March 2, 2011. No new information at this time.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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