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**St. Mary's College of Maryland**  
**Testimony**

**Maryland College Education Export Act of 2015**  
**(SB0496/HB0672)**

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## Maryland College Education Export Act of 2015 (SB0496/HB0672)

St. Mary's College of Maryland supports the Maryland College Education Export Act of 2015, SB0496/HB0672, authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to join the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

This bill will enhance educational opportunities for Marylanders. Membership in SARA will improve efficiencies within the higher education sector by lowering costs for students and institutions, reducing administrative burdens, enhancing access, and increasing standardization.

Participation in SARA has the potential to benefit St. Mary's College and its students as our academic program continues to evolve. While remaining committed to our residential based mission, continued industry-wide development of online programs will undoubtedly enhance our academic program and broaden our reach. We encourage the State to work towards joining SARA.

