

MUSTER: Urge your State Delegate to vote for HB 438 – Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee

Dear MAJR Supporter:

As a MAJR supporter you agreed to contact your legislators. Here is an easy way to do that. You have been selected to take action because your delegate is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Please urge your delegate to vote favorably on this bill!

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- Its interagency and cross-sector structure.
- Its inclusion of national experts, nonprofit reform organizations, and formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Its emphasis on fiscal mapping and sustainable funding.
- Its alignment with state educational standards and workforce development goals.

This legislation reflects sound public policy: it is evidence-based, fiscally responsible, and focused on long-term outcomes. Strong correctional education systems improve institutional safety, reduce future incarceration costs, strengthen workforce participation, and contribute directly to safer communities through lower recidivism.

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To: House Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Support HB 438 – Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee

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