HB 657/SB 794
Education – Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration
Requires the KRA assessment to be administered to a representative sampling of kindergarten students, instead of to every student, unless agreed to by local stakeholders. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill passed.

HB 141
Education – Assessments – Limits on Testing
This bill would limit the total time allotted for federal, state, and local mandated assessments to be limited to no more than 2% of classroom instruction time. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill failed.

HB 412/SB 533
Education – Assessments – Administration and Provision of Information
This bill allows for the continuation of testing data collection in matrix form. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill passed.

HB 722/SB 271
Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms – Funding
This bill increases the amount of the Capital Grant Program for local school systems with significant enrollment growth or relocatable classrooms. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill passed.

HB 999/SB 905
Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education
This bill establishes the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Thornton II). ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill passed.

SB 706/Kagan amendment (453921/2)
Maryland Education Credit
This amendment would expand the prohibition of discrimination beyond admissions also to include retention of students. ■ MSEA position – yea. Amendment rejected.

SB 706/Feldman amendment (523425/1)
Maryland Education Credit
This amendment would have provided for the termination of this program after 3 years. ■ MSEA position – yea. Amendment rejected.

SB 706/Pinsky amendment (303529/1)
Maryland Education Credit
This amendment would have restricted the eligible schools and programs to only those where at least 45% of students are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. ■ MSEA position – yea. Amendment rejected.

SB 706/Young amendment (273621/1)
Maryland Education Credit
This amendment prohibits the Governor from funding this program in years in which revenues are not projected to grow by at least 2% over the previous year. ■ MSEA position – yea. Amendment rejected.

SB 706/Kagan amendment (533822/1)
Maryland Education Credit
This amendment would have required annual legislative audits of the student assistance organizations participating in this program. ■ MSEA position – yea. Amendment rejected.

HB 1003
Labor and Employment – Equal Pay for Equal Work
This bill expands the Equal Pay for Equal Work law to prohibit wage discrimination based on sexual identity. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill passed.

HB 27
Education – Community Colleges – Collective Bargaining
This bill would have extended collective bargaining rights to full and part-time faculty and staff of community colleges who don’t currently have them. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill failed.

HB 580
Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act
This bill would require employers in Maryland to extend the right for their employees to earn paid or unpaid sick and safe leave. ■ MSEA position – yea. Bill failed.