

Maryland Association for Justice, Inc. 2020 Position Paper

SB 78

Public Schools - Student Discipline Regulations - Remedial Measures

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Association for Justice Offers the following amendment:

On Page 2, Section (d), Line 19 on the bill, Add Part (V) and the following language:

- 19 (V) NO PROVISION OF THIS SECTION LIMITS THE ABILITY OF A HARMED
- 20 INDIVIDUAL TO PURSUE A CIVIL ACTION IN A COURT OF LAW.

Reasoning:

SB 78 requires each county board to develop new regulations outlined in part (IV) of the bill. Part Number 2 (page 2, line 11) states that the new regulations will account for the "Restitution for injury to or loss from the individual who was harmed."

The Maryland Association for Justice wishes to add the amended language stated above to ensure and clearly state that victims are not limited in any potential recovery for injury or loss.

Thank you for your consideration.