

I Oppose HB0087

HB0087 and SB 135 will remove my ability to know or consent for teens to get vaccines. It removes liability from healthcare providers as a result of getting the incomplete or incorrect information from teens for damages arising for kids that have gotten vaccines via delegated authority.

Cost

21.7 million dollars [1] per year will be the direct cost to Maryland tax payers if this bill passes. There will be 0 cervical cancer deaths prevented per year [2] at a rate of 1.2 cervical cancer deaths prevented per 100000 HPV vaccines given. This bill is all cost and no benefit.

I have 5 children ages 11, 7, 5, 2, and one due in March. We are concerned as the children get to high school age, as a result of these bills. The reasons:

1. Kids will have gotten all mandated childhood vaccinations by age 16. The remaining ones they will not have gotten to go to school are the HPV vaccine and the Flu Shot. These, the HPV and Flu shot, are not mandated so this bill is about increasing HPV and Flu shot uptake.
2. We will not risk having them pressured into getting a vaccine without our consent. HB0087 means you give up your parental rights, to your teens health decisions.
3. My teen and any other teen may not know their full medical history to know if they are contraindicated, leading to an adverse reaction against HPV or Flu vaccinations.
4. The bill does not allow teens to reject vaccines against their parents wishes.

Misleading Reporting of the HPV Insert

Serious side effects were not tested against placebo [3] [4]. As a result safety has not been established.

The Population Affected

These adverse reactions will disproportionately affect minorities in Baltimore because they are most likely to have an absent parent in this state. They are most likely to have parental authority delegated and consent given with inaccurate or unknown medical history by a department of juvenile services, or the courts.

Financial Impact

If Department of Juvenile Services consents for a vaccine in my absence and they get incorrect or wrong health information from my teen that causes an adverse reaction they are not liable.

I am left to pay for the ensuing health bill for an adverse reaction. The state is forcing me to pay for consequences of a medical procedure that I did not consent to, know about, and oppose. This is government overreach at its worst.

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Appendix Screenshots

Table 1: Teen Population in Maryland

Location	Single Age	Data Type	2018
Maryland	16	Number	74,911
	17	Number	77,151

Table 2: HPV Uptake in Maryland

Immunization and Infectious Diseases

IID-11.4 Increase the percentage of female adolescents aged 13 through 15 years who receive 2 or 3 doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as recommended Revised

Female adolescents receiving 2 or 3 doses of HPV vaccine by age 13–15 years (percent)

