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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 3 / HB 297: Facilities – Disabilities, Juvenile, Behavioral Health and Health Care –
Safety Plans

Members of the Maryland Senate Finance Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support
revising the state's education regulations around developing and implementing safety plans for a variety
of service settings and provider settings for individuals with disabilities and behavioral health issues.

Many of the children that we represent need the very vital services provided by these professionals and
service providers in order to improve health, improve their access to the world, build skills sets as well
as life skills areas. Too often children with disabilities have their services cut, curtailed or underfunded.
As part of Maryland's new Blueprint Education Law, our kids with disabilities should have all that they
need to be successful in school and in life. And the process of implementing the Blueprint for our kids
should include an improvement within the safety planning for these service provider environments.

We trust that these revisions to the state laws will change and help to further support all Maryland
students. The future success and health of all of our students depends on many necessary
improvements and supports being in place, during these unusual times, as we begin the long tasks
related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and improving the lives of all our kids.
Thank you all for supporting the education, health, safety and wellbeing of all students, especially those
with disabilities.

Please support Senate Bill 3 / House Bill 297 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and
for considering our testimony today.

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