

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair;
Multiple Sponsoring Delegates;
And Members of the Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

Re: HB 84- Crimes on School Grounds – OPPOSE

It appears that HB 84 releases all prohibiting and penalizing of disruptive and threatening behavior committed by students whose offense occurs at the institution they attend; at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event, or other extracurricular program; and even by students on exclusionary discipline who commit offenses at the institution they attend. Simply put, this bill is releasing all students of penalty for disruptive and threatening behavior, committed anywhere, at any time.

So, what is the implication here? Someone needs to be held accountable, so who might that be? The student(s) should be held responsible and receive the appropriate discipline. Knowing that there is no penalty, invites such occurrences with no repercussions. If a student is capable of the offense, then, certainly, he or she can be held accountable for their actions.

Please vote for an unfavorable Report for HB-84- Crimes on School Grounds

Sincerely,
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