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Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: HB 119 - Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established

Hearing Date: February 1, 2023

Position: Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports *House Bill 119 – Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established*.

This bill provides for the development of a comprehensive health education framework through a collaboration between the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health. In creating a framework, this bill standardizes curriculum, making sure students in all jurisdictions have access to the same, appropriate information. This is in contrast to the current health curriculum which is set separately by each county and the education students receive can vary widely by jurisdiction. The creation of a health education framework that includes input from the state’s health authority will ensure that all students receive a quality health education.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.