



**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** SB 245 – Maryland Community Health Resources Commission – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

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**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care supports *Senate Bill 245 – Maryland Community Health Resources Commission – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation*. The Commission’s statutory mission is to support safety net providers such as school-based health centers. Over its 23-year history, the Commission has been instrumental in:

- Providing funding to establish and expand school-based health centers across Maryland;
- Supporting the integration of school-based health centers into health system initiatives by staffing the Commission to Advance School-Based Health Centers. The Commission has consistently gone above and beyond its role to elevate the importance of school-based health center policy. The Commission’s efforts have been instrumental in supporting the modernization of the State’s school-based health center policies; and
- Providing the administrative and policy support for important initiatives, such as the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports and the Pathways to Health Equity Resource Communities.

We strongly support the continuation of the Commission’s work and ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).