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**Testimony of Senator Arthur Ellis in Support of Senate Bill 59, Hospitals - Care of Infants  
After Discharge (Safe Sleep Act of 2024)**

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Health and Government  
Operations Committee:

The purpose of Senate Bill 59 is to require a hospital to take certain actions relating to the care of infants as soon as practicable before the hospital discharges an infant after the birth of the infant, including providing oral and written educational resources to the parent or legal guardian on how to provide a safe sleep environment and providing a list of resources available for an infant's parent or legal guardian; requiring a hospital, on or before a certain date each year, to establish a process for providing certain educational resources and confirming receipt of the resources; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a list of resources available for an infant's parent or legal guardian; and generally relating to the care of infants after discharge from a hospital.

This bill is in the same posture as Delegate Robbyn Lewis' House Bill 177. Senate Bill 59 passed the body unanimously, 45-0.

I urge your favorable report on Senate Bill 59.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur Ellis" with a date "3/29" written to the right.

Arthur Ellis – District 28