



Coalition for Safer Schools

TO: Ways and Means Committee, Maryland House of Delegates
RE: House Bill 1219 – Favorable

Madam Chair, Madam Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

The Coalition for Safer Schools writes in support of House Bill 1219 – Cardiac Emergency Action Plans and asks that the committee produce a favorable report.

Leading experts in the field of school safety continue to place emphasis on emergency preparedness and the regular development of emergency action plans. HB 1219 calls for Maryland's public schools to develop one such plan, that plan being for cardiac emergencies. A cardiac emergency requires swift, planned, and quick action. Having such a plan ready, and having staff appropriately briefed can save a life. The time of the crisis is not the time to decide who responsibility is delegated to, who should do what, and when. These are all things which can easily be determined before a cardiac crisis, and for that matter, should be decided before such a crisis. The bill has virtually no fiscal impact on the state or local government.

For these reasons, the coalition urges a favorable report on HB 1219.

On Behalf of the Coalition,

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