



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: House Bill 771 – Health Occupations – Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Hearing Date: February 25, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 771 – Health Occupations – Human Trafficking Awareness Training*. Human trafficking awareness training has been demonstrated to increase healthcare practitioners' ability to identify and respond to suspected human trafficking case.¹ Maryland has a high rate of human trafficking cases because of the Interstate 95 corridor. In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported 751 cases in Maryland, but these numbers are underreported.² With appropriate training, healthcare practitioners can increase the number of cases reported and help connect suspected survivors of human trafficking to appropriate resources.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8132095/>

² <https://mhaonline.org/caring-for-communities/public-health/human-trafficking-prevention/>