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**Favorable: HB329 – Criminal Law – School Resource Officers – Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students**

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To Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and my fellow members of the Judiciary Committee,

HB329 Criminal Law – School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students closes the loophole in our current law and prohibits school resource officers from having sexual activity with students at the schools they are assigned.

Sadly, this bill is in response to an incident in Frederick County, and since then, we have heard many more stories where this is happening across the State and country.

Under current law, school resource officers have not been able to be charged if the relationship is consensual and the school resource officers groomed the student and waited for that student to turn 18.

We need to act now and hold school resource officers to the standard that we hold all individuals who are supposed to ensure the safety of our students and our community.

I urge a favorable report on HB329.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Simpson".

Delegate Karen Simpson – District 3 - Frederick