

# Connor's Courage

## HB 331

**Lisanti, Mary Ann Delegate**

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**From:** Sheffield Motorsports <sheffieldmotorsports42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** Lisanti, Mary Ann Delegate  
**Subject:** Fwd: from principal at havre de grace

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**From:** Reynolds, Jim <Jim.Reynolds@hcps.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 12:00 PM  
**Subject:**  
**To:** Sheffield Motorsports <sheffieldmotorsports42@gmail.com>  
**CC:** Schmitz, Joseph <Joseph.Schmitz@hcps.org>, Spicer, Patrick <Patrick.Spicer@hcps.org>

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield:

It was directed that the therapeutic oil may not be possessed in school by Connor and cannot be held in the nurse's office and administered by the nurse.

In addition, it was determined that Connor may, during school hours, on a reasonable as-needed basis, enter his parents vehicle off-campus (i.e. parked on the street), so that the parents may provide/administer the therapeutic oil; which provides Connor relief with respect to his medical condition.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Reynolds

Jim Reynolds

Principal



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

April 2, 2019

Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chairman  
FROM: Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti *mal*  
RE: **Meeting request: Constituent assistance; Connor Sheffield**

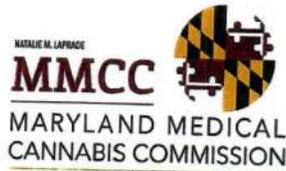
Thank you for agreeing to meet with me and assist in a resolution for my constituent. As I mentioned, Conner is a minor, attending a Maryland public high school in my district. He has been diagnosed with Progressive Gastrointestinal Dysmotility / Pseudo Obstruction. Sadly, there is no cure and the rarity of his condition has forced his parents to obtain medical care for him at Boston Children's hospital and seek alternative medial relief.

While Conner's parents have helped him receive a medial cannabis license, they have been unsuccessful in obtaining permission to administer the therapeutic oils in school or by the school nurse. I recently became aware of their situation yet it has been on-going for months.

As of last week, the High School Principal sent an email to the parents offering to permit Conner to be taken off-campus to administer the oils, however this is still very difficult for working parents to achieve.

In advance of our meeting, I am attaching a copy of the Principal's email, an overview of Conner's story and medial directive. Thank you in advance for agreeing to help me assist this very special family.

I am grateful for your interest in his case.



April 10, 2019

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheffield  
510 Risen Star  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION TO SHEFFIELDMOTORSPORTS42@GMAIL.COM

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield:

Thank you for your communication to Senator Bob Cassilly regarding your son Connor, and the difficulty you have had with administering his medical cannabis treatment while attending school at Havre de Grace High School. The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission values your interest in the policies of this administration and appreciates your comments about those issues that are most important to you and the citizens of Maryland.

The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the "Commission") does not have authority to require or enforce drug policy on any school grounds. The Commission licenses and regulates the businesses that cultivate, process, and dispense medical cannabis. The Maryland Department of Education ("MSDE"), and the Harford County Board of Education, retain authority over whether medical cannabis use is permitted on school grounds. The MSDE or County Board of Education may be able to provide additional assistance with this issue. I am very sorry that you have this hurdle to face, and hopefully in the near future, a policy will be developed to assist Connor.

We are honored and truly humbled to serve our fellow Marylanders, and appreciate your input as we continue to improve our processes. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I want to thank you for highlighting this issue from your viewpoint. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact me via email to [mdh.infoandregistration@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.infoandregistration@maryland.gov), or by telephone at 410-487-8100.

Sincerely,

Joy A. Strand, MHA  
Executive Director  
Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

cc: The Honorable Larry Hogan  
The Honorable Robert Cassily, District 34  
Webster Ye, Maryland Department of Health

As of July 31, 2019

**States that Authorize Medical Cannabis on School Property, by Jurisdiction**

State	Parents/Guardians to Administer	Nurse or other School Personnel to Administer	Location	Authority
CO	X "Primary caregiver" as determined by the board of education or charter school	X Pursuant to the definition of "primary caregiver" per local policy. No requirement for staff to administer	School grounds, school bus, or at a school-sponsored event.	School may allow
DE	X	-	School grounds or a school bus	Statutory mandate
FL	X School board policy may allow	X If specified in the district school board policy to ensure access	School grounds	School may allow
IL	X Any designated caregiver may administer	X If registered as the patient's caregiver	School grounds or a school bus	School shall allow
ME	X Legal custodian or others if registered caregivers	X If registered as the patient's caregiver	School grounds or a school bus	School shall allow
NJ	X Any "primary caregiver"	X If considered a "primary caregiver" under the school policy	School grounds, school bus, or at a school-sponsored event	School shall allow
NM	X	X By designated school personnel	'School settings' as determined by local board policy	School shall allow
VA	-	X School nurse and other designated personnel; applies only to CBD and THC-A oil	At school	School may allow
WA	X	-	School grounds, a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event	School shall allow, upon request by parent or guardian



# ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

**MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES  
GUIDELINE**

**JANUARY 2006  
(Reference Updated March 2015)**

Maryland State Department of Education  
Student Services and Strategic Planning  
Branch  
200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
Phone: 410-767-0311  
TTY/TDD: 410-333-6442



Maryland Department of Health and  
Mental Hygiene Center for Maternal  
& Child Health  
201 West Preston Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
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