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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senate Bill 827 Nonpublic Schools – Adequate Health Services – Eligibility for Reimbursement

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

March 3, 2021

Position: Support

Background: Senate Bill 827 (SB827) would allow eligible nonpublic schools to be reimbursed up to 50% of the cost of adequate school health services by their county government. For a school to qualify for reimbursement the school's tuition must be below the state's per-a-pupil average, the school must not discriminate against students as defined by the bill, and it must be eligible for the state's nonpublic school textbooks and technology program and the nonpublic aging schools program.

Written Comments: The Baltimore Jewish Council supports excellence in education. Area Jewish Day schools educate more than 8,000 students a year. For much of the Jewish community, a Jewish Day School education is not a choice, it is a necessity. Our schools strive to keep tuition as low as possible but must still cover their operating costs. Most of our schools serve a student population that is 20-40% FARMS eligible. Adequate school health services are important for the safety and well-being of students, however, the high costs for school nurses and other medical professionals are often barer. SB827 would help many low-tuition nonpublic schools and their students by covering up to half the cost of health services in the schools, making students safer and healthier.

For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report on SB827.

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a coalition of central Maryland Jewish organizations and congregations, advocates at all levels of government, on a variety of social welfare, economic and religious concerns, to protect and promote the interests of The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, its agencies and the Greater Baltimore Jewish community.

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The Maryland Catholic Conference offers this testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 827. The Catholic Conference represents the public-policy interests of the three (arch)dioceses serving Maryland, including the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington and the Diocese of Wilmington, which together encompass over one million Marylanders.

Senate Bill 827 would afford a nonpublic school the ability to seek 50% reimbursement for health services costs for their students from the county in which the school is located. Reimbursement eligibility would be limited to schools that do not charge a higher tuition than the state public school per pupil average, which dictates the cost of educating students in public schools. Additionally, reimbursement would come through county budgets, at no cost to the state from general fund expenditures that fund public schools. This legislation makes participation optional for nonpublic schools, so no mandate is placed upon their participation.

The coronavirus pandemic has only highlighted an existing need for school nursing services in our Catholic schools. There were already a significant number of lower-income Catholic schools throughout the state that could not afford to have full-time nurses on staff. Financial constraints have impacted schools and students, and four Maryland Catholic schools have already closed their doors this year. Lower and middle-income nonpublic schools often charge one-half, or even one-third, of the tuition equivalent of the state per pupil average cost for public schools. Thus, their operating income often leaves them on small budgets. The ability to seek reimbursement for student health services would provide a much-needed benefit to students, particularly those who are low-income and minority.

Statewide, there are hundreds of Catholic and other nonpublic schools, educating nearly 100,000 students. This bill stands to impact around 80% of those students, who do not attend a high-tuition school. Maryland's Catholic schools educate tens of thousands of lower and middle-income families every year, and we offer our support for Senate Bill 827 as a means of assisting those families. Thus, we urge a favorable report for Senate Bill 827.

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**STATEMENT TO THE
SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

SENATE BILL 827

**NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – ADEQUATE HEALTH SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR
REIMBURSEMENT**

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Agudath Israel of Maryland (AIMD), the Mid-Atlantic regional office for Agudath Israel of America – a renown national Jewish advocacy organization, speaks on behalf of the Orthodox Jewish communities across Maryland. AIMD provides support and representation for the 30 Jewish day schools that operate in our great state and educate 10,000 students.

A year the likes of which the one we are experiencing has taught us many things. For any institution that bears responsibility for the children on its property day-in and day-out, having a medical presence in a school and having medical supplies available to treat students with any type of ailment, is indeed a must. Nonpublic schools who sustain themselves via tuition and fund-raising struggle mightily to cover their education budgets, let alone their medical budget. Assisting a nonpublic school cover its medical budget is indeed a worthy investment for county governments, as all children are worthy of access to medical attention and supplies while in school regardless of where they are educated.

Senate Bill 827 will provide a reimbursement from the county government for up to 50% of adequate health services in an eligible nonpublic school in its jurisdiction.

While this bill will only take effect at the conclusion of the COVID-impacted 20-21 school year, countless nonpublic schools who have gone to great lengths to provide safe in-person instruction, have undertaken a more robust medical offering in their schools than they previously did. The reimbursement opportunity provided to schools through this worthy bill will ensure that health services and supplies are always available to protect the children while in school in the future.

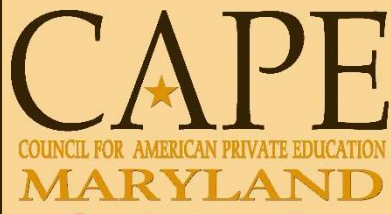
Thank you for your support of SB 827 and we urge a favorable report.

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**NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – ADEQUATE HEALTH SERVICES –
ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

SUPPORT

Maryland CAPE is our state's chapter and one of 40 state chapters of the Council for American Private Education. Our network includes the Catholic, Christian, Evangelical Lutheran, Friends, Independent, Jewish, Lutheran, Montessori, Muslim, and Seventh Day Adventist school communities. We speak on behalf of roughly 120,000 nonpublic school students attending over one thousand nonpublic schools across our great state of Maryland.

The primary financial source available to maintain most nonpublic schools is its tuition. It is needless to say, that the tuition and other educational fees that schools ask from their parent body are bordering exorbitant even in schools catering to a lower income population. Even families earning a respectable income find themselves struggling to meet their budgets without going into debt. Schools are forced to forgo or significantly limit the amount they allocate for critical areas of its operations.

Having a medical presence in a school and having medical supplies available to treat students with any type of ailment is indeed a must. The costs to cover a school's medical budget is indeed a worthy investment for county governments whether the schools are public or nonpublic, as children are worthy of the same access to medical attention regardless of where they are educated.

Senate Bill 827 will provide a reimbursement from the county government for up to 50% of adequate health services in an eligible nonpublic school in its jurisdiction.

While this bill will only take effect at the conclusion of the COVID-impacted 20-21 school year, countless schools who have been gone to great lengths to provide in-person instruction, have undertaken a more robust medical offering in their schools. The funds provided through this worthy bill will ensure that health services and supplies are always available to protect the children while in school in the future.

Thank you for your support of SB 827 and we urge a favorable report.

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(To be offered in the Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs Committee)

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 827

(First Reading File Bill)

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Opposition Statement HB1056/SB827
Nonpublic Schools – Adequate Health Services – Eligibility for Reimbursement
By Laura Bogley, JD
Director of Legislation, Maryland Right to Life

On behalf of our members across the state we respectfully oppose this bill and ask for your unfavorable report. This bill would force Maryland taxpayers to fund the expansion of the abortion industry into private schools. In its current form, the bill offers an inducement to private schools to allow the state to impose school health standards defined by the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Education. This would necessarily include reproductive health standards that are strongly biased by the influence of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), Planned Parenthood and abortion advocates who seek to expand abortion access among youth. By accepting this inducement, private schools will become subject to state and federal law anti-discrimination laws from which they currently may be exempted as religious organizations. They also will be prohibited from charging tuition rates higher than the expenditure per pupil allocated through the county public school system, limiting other services and increasing their dependency on the state.

Sexuality Education - MSDE allows third party providers like Planned Parenthood to create and implement “Reproductive Health” curriculum, policies and services in public schools. **But Maryland law does not require reproductive health education to be medically accurate or age appropriate.** Planned Parenthood’s radical sexuality education program begins in kindergarten and starts with gender identity. Third party providers also contract with county school systems and are paid to train teachers and coaches in sexuality education curriculum and counseling.

Reproductive Health Services - Through the *Maryland Standards for School-Based Health Centers*, MSDE has authorized school clinics to perform “reproductive health” services, including filling prescriptions for birth control, implanting long- acting reproductive control devices (LARCs), providing “comprehensive reproductive health” education and pregnancy options counseling, and providing referrals to additional off-site “reproductive health care” services, without parental knowledge or consent. The state is attempting to reduce standards to implement telehealth in school-based health centers, which would expose school children to great risk through the potential distribution of chemical abortion pills, which are 4 times more dangerous than surgical abortion. Pregnancy is not a disease and abortion is not health care. The fact that 85% of OB-GYNs in a representative national survey do not commit abortions is glaring evidence that abortion is not an essential part of women’s healthcare.

Parental Notice and Consent Provides Better Outcomes for Minor Children - Maryland law recognizes the natural and legal right of parents to provide consent to their minor child’s medical care. But the influence of the abortion industry in developing school policy and curriculum has degraded the role of parents in their children’s healthcare decisions. The state has aggravated the situation by failing to require sex education curriculum to be medically accurate or age appropriate. Because of the influence of the abortion lobby, parents no longer have the opportunity to “opt in” to sex education for our children, but may only “opt out” if we are made aware at all. Furthermore, the lack of parental notification puts children at greater risk of undiagnosed and untreated abortion complications and enables abortion providers to evade liability for failure to report child abuse, sexual assault and sex trafficking.

No Taxpayer Funding to Abortion Network - As a result of the state authorizing and subsidizing the abortion industry to have direct access to our school children, the number of abortions has INCREASED not decreased. In their 2020 annual report Planned Parenthood reports committing an all-time high number of abortions, while their family planning and prenatal services have dramatically declined. Taxpayers should not be forced to expand the access of the abortion industry to private school students.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your unfavorable report on this bill and we recommend that the State of Maryland revise the standards for School-Based Health Centers to eliminate abortion activism in our schools and to prioritize funding for programs that support the health and lives of both mothers and children.

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Senate Bill 827

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MACo Position: **OPPOSE**

To: Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs Committee

Date: March 3, 2021

From: Drew Jabin

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **OPPOSES** SB 827. Maryland's local jurisdictions play an important role in the funding and administration of public school education and health services. This bill would extend those responsibilities, unfairly diverting local government funding to reimburse up to 50% of the costs of adequate health services provided at **nonpublic** schools.

As a rule, MACo resists state policies that result in costly or burdensome local implementation. Under state law, counties would have no choice but to support these new costs from reimbursements - competing for limited local funds against school construction, public safety, roadway maintenance, and other essential public services. The bottom line is that nonpublic school health services should not be funded by Maryland taxpayers.

Counties are concerned this legislation would be a substantial administrative and cost burden, and unfairly places the burden on local government to reimburse for health services provided to students not in the Maryland public school system. Ultimately, this legislation would create a slippery slope by troublesomely diverting public funds to provide for students not enrolled in the county school system. It is not justifiable, and accordingly, MACo **OPPOSES** SB 827 and requests an **UNFAVORABLE** report.