

# OPPOSE HB1040/SB736



Prevent Unintended Harm to  
Maryland's Children

## PROTECT THE PARENT-DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

### BEST HEALTH OUTCOMES



The best health outcomes for children occur when the parent and the physician work as a team and consider health history, precautions and contraindications before making any medical decisions. Children are not vaccinated like adults and have a very complicated recommended schedule, receiving multiple shots at once.

### TRAINING

Pediatricians are specifically trained to assess children for vaccine appropriateness and readiness. Immunizations are pharmaceutical products that come with warnings, precautions, and contraindications. A child must be properly assessed prior to administration to reduce risk for serious harm and/or death. A pharmacist does not have this training.



### LIABILITY



The Federal 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act removed liability from vaccine makers as well as the provider that administers the vaccine. Pharmacists have not been properly trained in assessment for childhood vaccines and will not be liable for mistakes leaving children at risk.

### PHARMACIES ARE CHAOTIC

Pharmacies have a reputation for being chaotic. Pharmacist's jobs are harder than ever as so many people are on multiple pharmaceutical products. It is dangerous to have pharmacists stop filling a prescription every time they have to give shots. A toddler should not be assessed for vaccine appropriateness in the middle of a crowded Walmart.



### IMPROPER INJECTIONS



SIRVA (Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration) Injuries are on the rise since pharmacies started giving immunizations. A skyrocketing number of cases have been compensated by the Federal Government as people are getting their immunizations outside of the the doctor's office.

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