

# **2021 PANDA HB 701 Senate Side.pdf**

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## Support

### House Bill 701- Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

March 30, 2021

The Mid-Atlantic P.A.N.D.A. is in favor of HB 701.

We represent the Mid Atlantic P.A.N.D.A. Coalition (Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness). We were established in 2000, our mission is “To create an atmosphere of understanding in dentistry and other professional communities which will result in the prevention of abuse and neglect through early identification and appropriate intervention for those who have been abused or neglected.” Dentists and Dental Hygienists (Dental Professionals) are mandated by the State of Maryland to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect. Our coalition has established a Continuing Education (CE) course that educates Dental Professionals and other how to recognize, report, or refer. The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners has deemed this course as a mandatory CE requirement for Dentists and Hygienists to renew their licenses. We also address domestic violence, elder abuse and human trafficking in our CE course.

Because our mission is training dental professionals on recognizing and addressing abuse and neglect, we support HB 701. We appreciate that the Sponsor incorporated a provision that recognized that some boards, including the Board of Dental Examiners, already require training courses.

We ask for a favorable vote on this bill. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Carol Caiazzo at [carolrdhhygiene@verizon.net](mailto:carolrdhhygiene@verizon.net).

# **CSA - health care - mandatory reporter training -**

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**Testimony Supporting House Bill 701**  
**Lisae C. Jordan, Executive Director & Counsel**  
March 30, 2021

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on House Bill 701.

**House Bill 701**

**Training for Health Care Professionals regarding Child Abuse, including Child Sexual Abuse**

House Bill 701 will require posting of information regarding training for health care professionals who are required to report child abuse, including child sexual abuse. The requirements of this bill can be met with current resources.

**Child sexual abuse is an epidemic in America.** Studies by the Crimes Against Children Research Center show that:

- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse;
- During a one year period in the US, 16% of youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- Children are most vulnerable to child sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 13.

**It is critical that health care professionals working with children understand not only that they are mandated reporters, but also how to identify abused and neglected children.** Child sexual abuse remains under-recognized and under-reported. Training health care professionals is one piece of the effort to change this.

**Training can be provided at reasonable cost.** MCASA currently has an online training, *Preventing, Identifying, and Reporting Child Sexual Abuse in Maryland*, <https://mcasa.org/online-training>, available at no charge. We would be happy to work with other stakeholders to supplement this training with information on physical abuse and neglect.

**The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault urges the  
Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on House Bill 701**

# **Testimony - HB701 Delegate McComas.pdf**

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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB701 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRAINING

Modeled after language already in Health Occupations Article, 1-801 in sequence, this bill passed the House almost unanimously in 2019 (135-1). In 2020, **HB701** passed both Chambers with the language as currently proposed. At a time when we have never been more aware of the prevalence of child abuse, training is so IMPORTANT. **Given all the current stressors and requirements to stay inside, never has there been a greater need for Child Abuse and Neglect Training.** Resources for such training and the conduit for that information remains a cornerstone in the detection and prevention of child abuse. Trainings on how to recognize and report child abuse will expose monsters like Dr. Nassar who thrive in an atmosphere of misinformation, which enables them to operate with minimal chances of detection. Never has it been clearer that training is imperative as some of his horrific acts of child abuse took place with the parents in the room!!!!

Child abuse experts know firsthand the impact that such abuse of our children has on society as a whole. More importantly, they also understand the importance of appropriate training to improve the outcomes for child victims. Training for mandated reporters must be made available to assure timely and appropriate reporting.

#### WHAT WE KNOW

Many health care professionals have been incorrectly instructed on how to report abuse. Many health care professionals are misinformed about their responsibilities as Mandated Reporters. Some do not know what to look for or how to react when abuse is detected.

#### PREVENTION IS IMPERATIVE – KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

**Let's support and pass HB701 and make such training available and easy to find for our mandated reporters and others who work with children.**

Let's partner with our Health Care Professionals and give them the tools they need as the "first responders" for our children. They are our most valuable and irreplaceable asset as Marylanders.

The BCAC (Baltimore Child Abuse Center) understands and supports this important legislation as well as the overwhelming support from most of our health care policy organizations.

# **Unanimous Vote for HB 701.pdf**

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Maryland House of Delegates  
2021 Regular Session

**HB 701** Third Reading (HB) Calendar No.47  
Delegate McComas (JUD)  
Child Abuse and Neglect - Training of Health Care Professionals  
On Third Reading

**133 Yeas      0 Nays      5 Not Voting      0 Excused      3 Absent**

**Voting Yea - 133**

Speaker	Carr	Hartman	Lopez	Rose
Acevero	Chang	Haynes	Love	Rosenberg
Adams	Charkoudian	Healey	Luedtke	Ruth
Amprey	Charles	Henson	Malone	Saab
Anderton	Chisholm	Hill	Mangione	Sample-Hughes
Arentz	Ciliberti	Holmes	Mautz	Shetty
Arikan	Clippinger	Hornberger	McComas	Smith
Attar	Conaway	Howard	McIntosh	Solomon
Atterbeary	Crosby	Impallaria	McKay	Stein
Bagnall	Crutchfield	Ivey	Metzgar	Stewart
Barnes, B.	Cullison	Jackson	Moon	Szeliga
Barnes, D.	Davis, D.E.	Jacobs	Morgan	Terrasa
Barron	Davis, D.M.	Johnson	Novotny	Thiam
Bartlett	Dumais	Jones, D.	Otto	Turner
Barve	Ebersole	Jones, R.	Palakovich Carr	Valderrama
Beitzel	Feldmark	Kaiser	Parrott	Valentino-Smith
Belcastro	Fennell	Kelly	Patterson	Walker
Bhandari	Fisher, M.	Kerr	Pena-Melnyk	Washington
Boteler	Fisher, W.	Kipke	Pendergrass	Watson, C.
Boyce	Forbes	Kittleman	Pippy	Watson, R.
Branch, C.	Fraser-Hidalgo	Korman	Proctor	Wells
Branch, T.	Ghrist	Krebs	Qi	Wilkins
Bridges	Gilchrist	Krimm	Queen	Williams
Brooks	Grammer	Lehman	Reilly	Wilson
Buckel	Griffith	Lewis, J.	Reznik	Wivell
Cardin	Guyton	Lierman	Rogers	Young, K.
Carey	Harrison	Long		

**Voting Nay - 0**

**Not Voting - 5**

Clark	Jalisi	Lisanti	Shoemaker	Young, P.
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**Excused from Voting - 0**

**Excused (Absent) - 3**

Anderson	Cox	Lewis, R.
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# Board of Physicians

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## 2021 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO.:** House Bill 701  
**COMMITTEE:** Judicial Proceedings  
**POSITION:** Information

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**TITLE:** Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill (HB) 701 requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to provide to certain boards a list of generally recommended courses related to the obligation to report abuse and neglect as required by §5-704 of the Family Law Article and identification of abused and neglected children. The bill also requires a board to post prominently on its Website the information required for a prospective student to enroll for one or more of the recommended courses and, among other things, to provide information about the recommended courses to health care professionals at the time of renewal of licensure.

**POSITION & RATIONALE:**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Board”) supports the goal of the bill to assure that child abuse and neglect is reported. The Board takes such required reporting seriously and has disciplined licensees who have violated §14-404(a)(25) of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”). This disciplinary ground addresses a violation by a licensee who “knowingly fails to report suspected child abuse in violation of §5-704 of the Family Law Article.”

However, the Board has concerns about providing information about the recommended courses to licensees at the time of license renewal. Under §14-316(d)(5) of the Act, the Board is prohibited from requiring licensees to complete specific courses or programs as a condition of license renewal. The Board believes that providing information about the recommended courses with the renewal notification will make it appear that the Board endorses or requires the courses for license renewal, in contravention of the explicit statutory prohibition.

In addition to physicians, the Board licenses eleven allied health professions whose practitioners renew their licenses online at different times in either an odd or even year. The Board would need to devote considerable staff time to modify existing Board operations in order to send renewal notifications (via e-mail and a mailed postcard) with information on courses to several groups at various times during the year.

The Board currently posts a broad range of information and resources on its Website and is agreeable to adding a list from MDH. However, the Board is concerned about the language in HB 701 regarding the posting of “information required for a prospective student to enroll for one or more of the recommended courses provided to the board...” The Board does not have jurisdiction over students and would not have knowledge about prospective students or course enrollment.

For more information, please contact Wynne Hawk, Manager, Policy and Legislation, Maryland Board of Physicians, 410-764-3786.

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