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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 657 with Amendment: Public Schools – Standardize Health Screening for Students – Development and Implementation.

Members of the Maryland Senate’s EHE Committee.

Our 1400 plus membership of families supports this bill, and the establishment of standardizing Health Screening Forms and the process of collecting data from families when they enroll their children in school.

What a great idea to equity and inclusion for families of children that require the wrap around supports and services included within the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. Giving families a standard form to fill out that enables them to self-identify their student/child as potentially needing some form of assistance.

We offer the following amendment to the bill. That this information provided by the family, about their student, then automatically trigger certain services and social supports to be enacted on behalf of the family as the result of this data being shared with the school district, and eventually with MSDE.

After the events of the past 2 years, now more than ever, we all need supports and services to help our children be more successful in life as well as in school. Getting back to normal is going to take all of us acting in concert to support our students the most in need of services, counseling and social supports. W

Please return a favorable report on HB 657 in order to provide services and supports to families all across the state of Maryland.

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