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House Bill 775

Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund – Establishment and Income Tax Checkoff

Senate Finance Committee

Position: SUPPORT

The Maryland Catholic Conference represents the mutual public-policy interests of the three (arch)dioceses serving Maryland, including the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington. We offer this testimony in support of House Bill 775.

HB 775 would establish the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund and the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Advisory Committee to review and evaluate request for funding from the Fund. The bill would also require the Secretary of Health to adopt regulations to implement a pediatric cancer grant program and require the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund.

Every year in the United States more than 17,000 children age 0-19 will be diagnosed with cancer. A pediatric cancer diagnosis affects children regardless of ethnicity, socio-economic status, or geographical location. Over the last 40 years the survival rate for pediatric cancer has increased from 10% to over 85%; there are roughly 438,000 adult survivors of pediatric cancer in the United States.¹ Pediatric cancers are fairly uncommon compared to adult cancers therefore it is vitally important to fund research to help in the effective screening, prevention, treatment and eventual cure of pediatric cancer.

For these reasons, we urge a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 775.

¹ [Childhood Cancer Statistics | CureSearch](#)

SB 51- Pediatric Cancer Fund FWA .pdf

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Advocating for Maryland NPs since 1992

Bill: SB 51- Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund- Establishment

Position: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc., (NPAM), the only professional association advocating solely for the over 8,011 certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed in Maryland, and the over 800 active members of NPAM, we are requesting your support w/ amendment for **SB 51**.

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses with advanced clinical training and education at the Masters or Doctoral level and have successfully passed a national certification exam. Similar to Physicians, NPs conduct pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment and should therefore be included in the bill for which grants are provided using remaining funds.

For these reasons, we respectfully request an amendment to **page 3, line 25 to include "Nurse Practitioners"**. Some prior NP research includes:

Ho Cheung William Li, PhD, RN, Oi Kwan Joyce Chung, PhD, RN, Ching Janice Tam, BN, RN, and Sau Ying Chiu, MPH, RN. Effective Prevention and Management of Tumor Lysis Syndrome in Children With Cancer: The Important Contributions of Pediatric Oncology Nurses. *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing* 2015, Vol. 32(4) 209–218 DOI: 10.1177/1043454214555551

Lieselot Cool, PhD; Jana Missiaen, RN; Philip Debruyne, MD, PhD, MSc; Hans Pottel, PhD; Veerle Foulon, PhD; Tessa Lefebvre, MSc; Laura Tack, MSc; Petra Archie, RN; Dominique Vandijck, PhD; and Koen Van Eygen, MD. Oncologic Home-Hospitalization Delivers a High-Quality and Patient-Centered Alternative to Standard Ambulatory Care: Results of a Randomized-Controlled Equivalence Trial *JCO Global Oncology*; 11/19/2021, Vol. 7, p1564-1571, 8p DOI <https://doi.org/10.1200/GO.21.00158>

Thank you for your support of **SB 51**. Please contact NPAM Executive Director Beverly Lang should you have questions.

Kindest Regards,

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