



**SB299 EDUCATION - PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS - SEIZURE ACTION PLANS
(BRYNLEIGH'S ACT)**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports with amendments **SB299 Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh's Act)** to address concerns primarily related to the bill's troubling mandated delegation of nursing duties to non-medical school staff.

AACPS recognizes the importance of developing a healthy school environment which promotes student health, well-being, and the ability to learn. However, AACPS generally opposes legislation or efforts to limit the authority of the local school board to set policy related to school nutrition and health. AACPS has particular concerns with the training provisions in the legislation as it requires that school nurses train and certify that non-nursing school staff are approved to administer not only first aid but also emergency medication

More specifically, the school system also has concerns with the language in the amended bill which would authorize a school nurse to designate school staff to receive training. A school nurse does not have the authority to determine whether school system employees receive training and should not have the authority in this instance. This is especially concerning for AACPS as the school nurse is not a school system employee but rather a county employee. The district is also concerned about the use of the term "volunteer" in this instance as it is unclear and could create confusion. AACPS also has concerns with the amended training requirements as they remove all flexibility in how the training is administered.

Accordingly, AACPS requests that the bill be amended as follows:

- Insert on page 2 in line 10 after "YEAR," "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE APPROVED SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES GUIDELINES".
- On page 2 in line 27 strike "ONE OF" to clarify that only health professionals may be required to be trained in administering medication.
- Strike lines 29 through 31 on page 2, which include confusing provisions governing the non-nursing staff serving as trained personnel.
- Amend lines 4 through 20 on page 3 to remove the requirement that the biannual training be provided by the nursing or other trained staff, as opposed to any other individuals or entities designated by the school system.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** committee report on SB299.