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Maryland Senate 11 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD. 21401

## In Support of SB 299 / HB 136: Education – Public / Non-Public Schools – Seizure Actions Plans.

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support students with disabilities and health challenges. We fully support SB 299 / HB 136, in the hopes of addressing student healthcare concerns, school staff action plans and staff training related to students with seizure conditions (Brynleigh's Act).

MGA members, MSDE & MDH: This is an issue related to the health, safety and wellbeing of students, and of school staff members. It is also a question of equity for those students that have health conditions that require an action plan to be created and acted upon by school staff while the child is on school property. To allow these students equal access to their education (FAPE) while also being fully supported by the educators & staff members of the schools that they attend. "Seizure action plans" and training should also include bus drivers and all school support staff that may come into contact with a student. We trust that these services would be provided to the student in school, as needed. Their future success and health depend on necessary supports being in place to support them today and beyond as part of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Thank you all for supporting health and wellbeing of all Maryland students.

Please support Senate Bill 299 / House Bill 136 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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