



Committee: Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 266 – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Bronchodilator and Epinephrine Availability and Use - Policies

Hearing Date: March 22, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association supports *House Bill 266 – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Bronchodilator and Epinephrine Availability and Use – Policies*. The bill requires local boards of education to implement policies for stock bronchodilators. With stock bronchodilators, school nurses would be better positioned to support students who have forgotten or lost their bronchodilators. School nurses could administer the stock bronchodilators to students with asthma and a prescription for a bronchodilator. School nurses could delegate the administration of bronchodilators to teachers and other school personnel who meet certain criteria, as specified under Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article.

MNA supports this measure because it aligns the administration of stock bronchodilators with best practices for treating students in respiratory distress. It also aligns with the law on the administration of medication within schools.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.