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SB0628– OPPOSED

I am against proposed bill SB0628 and ask that you give it an unfavorable report.

SB0628 proposes to institute health centers within public and private schools within the entire state of Maryland. This removes parental involvement within schools making medical decisions and knowledge, which parents have to right to participate in. In Charles county, there is already a disservice done to parental involvement. Individual principals have authority to say who can and cannot come into the buildings. Will this then apply to parents seeking to participate in their child’s health care at these “health-centers”?

Making an in-school health center will not be able to take the place of a pediatrician, trained in the health of growing children.

There is a reason that pediatricians focus on children and their developmental growth. A nurse, in-school, cannot give the care that a family should be involved with.

Charles county already has nurses for emergency purposes. Having a dedicated health center means that the overall care would be separated from their pediatrician, fracturing children’s overall healthcare.

I urge you to please issue an unfavorable report on SB0628.

Sincerely,
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