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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 201: Child Care Programs – School Based Health Care Services

Members of the Maryland Senate’s Finance Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members advocating for the care and needs of our children with disabilities.

We support programs like the school based health care bill which allows for behavioral health care services to be conducted in a school setting, and for the payment of these services being rolled into the state’s CHIP program to cover the costs of this care.

This type of program addresses a couple of issues related to health care, social emotional learning and transportation related to access to care for these students. We would like to see this kind of support system needs to be baked into the recipe of health and developmental support programs as we move forward with the care of ALL of our children under Maryland’s Blueprint Law. Especially for those that may experience developmental delays, suffer trauma or those that may have a variety of disabilities.

Maryland children need these types of support programs to be in place, and enhanced, as we help them build toward a brighter future, and improved outcomes for all children, and especially those with disabilities.

Please support SB 201 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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