



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill:** Senate Bill 806 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care and Dental Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report

**Hearing Date:** March 30, 2023

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Centers (MASBHC) supports *Senate Bill 806 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care and Dental Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report*.

In Maryland, there are over 85 school-based health centers (SBHCs) in Maryland. SBHCs are located in schools with a high concentration of students in poverty. We serve a significant number of students who are uninsured because of their immigration status. Without insurance, these students and their families face many challenges to access health care services, contributing significantly to the health disparities of immigrants.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.