



HB137 CIVIL ACTIONS – CIVIL IMMUNITY – EDUCATOR INTERVENTION

March 23, 2023

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SUPPORT

Grace Wilson, Legislative & Policy Specialist (410.440.1758)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports **HB137 Civil Actions – Civil Immunity – Educator Intervention**. This bill provides that a staff member of a school, acting in an official capacity, is not civilly liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from intervention in a student altercation or other student disturbance if the staff member intervened in a reasonably prudent manner and the actions taken do not constitute grossly negligent, willful, wanton, or intentionally tortious conduct.

It is AACPS' expectation that school staff will intervene in altercations involving students in an effort to ensure that these situations are diffused quickly with the hope that none of the involved parties is injured. Also, we expect staff to intervene in any incident involving a student which could potentially lead to harm to the student, other students, or staff. Sometimes students may be injured during this process or the student's personal property may be damaged. The safety of students and staff is of paramount concern to AACPS and this legislation would serve to protect staff from civil liability for intervening in altercations involving students so long as the staff member was acting in a reasonably prudent manner and the actions taken to not constitute grossly negligent, willful, wanton, or intentionally tortious conduct.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB137.