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HB 593 - Public Schools-Lifesavers schools Programs - Establishment

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB593 that establishes a Lifesavers Schools program and designation in Maryland public schools. This is an optional program that recognizes schools for additional investments in student health and mental health wellness. To earn the designation, a school would be required to provide students and staff members the opportunity to train in First Aid and CPR, along with either a mental health wellness program or a peer mentoring program. Schools must also provide student service-learning hours for participation and include resources for mental health wellness programs and CPR/ First Aid on the school website. The program will be administered by MSDE.

I am offering a sponsor amendment to strike the provision to offer other trainings leading to certifications (p.2, Lines 12-13)

I sincerely request a favorable report for a simple bill that very well may save lives.

Thank you,

Delegate Michele Guyton, District 42B

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