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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. The Honorable Jeff Waldstreicher Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0927 – Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Second Degree Assault of a School Employee or Subcontractor (School Assault Reduction and Prevention Act) Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support SB 0927 - Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Second Degree Assault of a School Employee or Subcontractor (School Assault Reduction and Prevention Act). The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 5, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing second degree assault of an employee or a subcontractor of a public or private elementary or secondary school as a crime of violence for certain purposes.

Cecil County has growing concerns about the safety of both our students and employees in the school environment and this bill will ensure accountability.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send a favorable report on SB 0927.

Sincerely,

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