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BILL NO.: **HB 1147**

TITLE: Environment – Playground Surfacing Materials - Prohibitions

SPONSOR: Delegate Guyton

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **Support with Amendments**

DATE: February 28, 2024

Baltimore County **Supports with Amendments HB 1147** – Environment – Playground Surfacing Materials – Prohibitions.

Baltimore County supports the prohibition of playground surfacing materials that contain certain concentrations of PAH, PFAS, or lead for the construction of the ground surface of a playground in the State; prohibiting a county, municipality, or unit of local government from adopting any ordinance, rule, or regulation related to certain playground surfacing materials that is less stringent than the requirement of the Act; etc.

Baltimore thanks the sponsor for working collaboratively to strengthen the intent while preserving the county’s ability to implement the legislation, and creating strong legislation to protect our children from hazardous materials.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE, WITH AMENDMENT**, report on **HB 1147** from the House Environment and Transportation Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.