



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 65 - Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice

Hearing Date: March 13, 2024

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care opposes *House Bill 65 - Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice*. The bill would require any school-based health care practitioner to report information about the health care of students to the parents. The proposed language conflicts with existing Maryland law regarding minor consent. Maryland takes a balanced approach and allows minors to consent to a limited range of services, but allows for the health care practitioner to notify the parent. This approach protects the health and wellbeing of minors. If students are at risk at home, a school-based provider may provide basic services, such as counseling, and then arrange for appropriate follow-up to ensure the safety of the student.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.