



**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

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The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) opposes *House Bill 65 - Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice*. The bill requires a school health practitioner, health care practitioner, or certified school psychologist employed by or under a contract with a school-based health center, local school system, or local health department to provide school health services at a public school to provide to a student's parent or guardian information about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to the student.

Current law already addresses situations in which a minor can consent to medical treatment. Further, a health care practitioner is empowered to share information with the minor's parent or guardian if it is in the best interest of the minor, but they are not required to do so. This bill conflicts with existing minor consent authority and would eliminate the rights and protections currently provided in Maryland's minor consent laws.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).