

Support for 2024 House Bill 65

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HB65 Public Schools – Medical and Psychological Treatment in School–Based Health Centers and Public Schools – Parental Notice would add these sentences to the current code of Maryland:

“(D) 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 SHALL PROVIDE TO A STUDENT’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT PROVIDED TO THE STUDENT.”

This bill is good because parents or guardians have the right to know about any consultation, diagnosis or treatment provided to their children at SBHCs. Parents might be taking their children to other consultations, or requesting diagnosis or providing treatment via other doctors and thus it is imperative that they know about the health care their children are receiving in these centers.

Also, when parents are aware of these treatments at SBHCs, they can support their children’s development and care much better than if they miss this information.

Please support this bill which would add an important basic missing element to the current code regarding SBHCs in Maryland.

Thank you and sincerely,