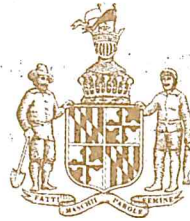


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Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 13 is a piece of legislation designed to make some clarifying changes to a piece of legislation that I sponsored a couple of years back to establish the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund.

As amended, the bill simply establishes a Pediatric Cancer Research Commission to oversee awards from the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund, it limits the usage of the fund to research grants, and it authorizes a promotional fund to allocate funds and to educate the scientific community on this grant program.

Again, the aim of this legislation is to simply cement the intent of the establishment of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund as a mechanism for funding pediatric cancer research in our State.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 13.