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Favorable – HB 74 – Public Schools - Lifesaver School Program – Establishment – Del. Guyton

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB74 that establishes a Lifesavers Schools program and designation in Maryland public schools. This is an optional program that recognizes schools for additional investments in student health and mental health wellness. To earn the designation, a school would be required to provide students and staff members the opportunity to train in First Aid and CPR, along with either a mental health wellness program or a peer mentoring program. Schools must also provide student service-learning hours for participation and must include resources for mental health wellness programs and CPR/ First Aid on the school website. The program will be administered by MSDE.

I am offering an amendment to require recertification of schools every four years and another to allow teachers who choose to participate training that is job embedded, paid, or eligible for continuing education credit.

I sincerely request a favorable report with the sponsor amendment for a simple bill that may actually save lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton
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