

January 17th, 2024 - Alexander Allin: Support (FWA) for HB 74

Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and Committee Members. My name is Alexander Allin, and I'm a high school junior from District 16 in Montgomery County. Thank you for the opportunity to share my position on HB 74, Public Schools - Lifesaver Schools Program - Establishment.

The Lifesaver Schools Program is vital to honor those schools striving for student health and well-being. However, the bill lacks a crucial requirement: Narcan (Naloxone) Training. As you may know, several students in Maryland have overdosed on fentanyl and other substances, causing them to lose their lives and impacting entire communities. By requiring students and staff to be trained and given access to naloxone, we make our schools even safer amid a public health crisis. With this in mind, I would look for the addition of an amendment that extends the Lifesaver Schools Program to offer training – and provide kits – for naloxone and overdoses.

By including substance abuse training as part of the Lifesaver Schools Program, we increase the safety of our student body and help bring additional awareness to the dangers of fentanyl.

Thank you again for listening to student voices,

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