

**SB0851**

**Public Schools - Individuals with Disabilities - Main Entrance Accessibility and Emergency  
Planning  
EEE Committee  
Favorable**

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Dear Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair and Cheryl Kagan, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Please vote in favor of **SB0851**. This data collection bill would require each County Board of Education to publish on its website and report to the General Assembly the number of public school entrances which are not wheelchair accessible and are not in compliance with the ADA. Also, each school system would need to share a copy of their emergency plan to the State Department of Education and other reports to the General Assembly.

If we believe that safe schools are important for **all** students, then all students must have a means to enter and leave school safely without injury and without damage to their chair. There also needs to be an emergency plan which is understandable and provides reasonable accommodation for all student to exit the building during an emergency. Solutions need to be data informed which would be provided through this bill.

Please support SB 0851.

Best,

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