

Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



Committee: Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 821 – Primary and Secondary Education – Student Immunization – Temporary Admission Period

Hearing Date: February 21, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) supports *Senate Bill 821 - Primary and Secondary Education – Student Immunization – Temporary Admission Period*. The legislation allows local education agencies to grant up to a 60-day grace period for students to meet immunization requirements. Parents/guardians would be required to submit proof of a vaccination appointment for their children. MASHN supports this legislation because it maintains vaccination requirements while recognizing some parents may need more flexibility in the timeframe in meeting such requirements. Parents face many barriers in obtaining healthcare services for children including lack of a regular provider, transportation, and insurance issues.

We ask for a favorable vote. If we can provide any information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.