



Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee opposes HB 0672 cross filed with SB 0486: *School Health and Wellness Personnel Assessment and Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers*

Health care is not, nor should it be, the domain of our public education system. Given the states abysmal academic proficiency scores, MSDE has recklessly expanded their mission beyond their capacity to manage their chief purpose, which is the education of Maryland's public school students. Decisions related to education and health care belong to the purview of the parent or guardian. The marriage of public education with the delivery of healthcare services in the school setting is a heavy handed attempt to abrogate parental rights. School-based Health Clinics (SBHCs), coupled with the passage of certain laws lowering the age of consent for minors to receive health services, have seriously hindered parents from exercising oversight of their children's healthcare.

As our state is experiencing a serious budget crisis, all spending priorities must be reassessed. No sustainable financial model has been established to fund, let alone, expand SBHCs. Furthermore, the expansion of SBHCs have not contributed in any way to better healthcare or educational outcomes. For these reasons, Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee opposes HB 0672/SB 0486.

