

HB223: Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations ("Know Before They Knock" Family Right to Notice Act)

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I have been with the Anne Arundel County Court Appointed Special Advocates program for 28 years, both as a volunteer advocate and paid staff. I do not support this proposed bill. It is my understanding that there is no other civil investigation that requires this kind of oral and written notice. Investigators must have access to children and the proposed changes will result in children being less safe, not more. This could also result in more children being removed, as the inability to interview or examine children will hinder an investigator's ability to assess for safety. Please do everything in your power to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our children.