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FAVORABLE HB 612 - Lifesaver Schools Program- Establishment

Thank you for your consideration of HB612 that establishes a Lifesavers Schools program and designation in Maryland public schools.

HB 612 is an optional program that has no significant fiscal note, no opposition, and that may save lives. The program recognizes schools for additional investments in student health and mental health wellness. To earn the designation, a school would be required to provide students and staff members the opportunity to train in First Aid along with either a mental health wellness program or a peer mentoring program. Students will be provided student service-learning hours for participation and schools must include resources for mental health wellness programs and First Aid on the school website and offer community outreach. The program will be administered by MSDE similarly to the green schools program.

I sincerely request a favorable report for a simple bill that will save lives.

Sincerely,

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