

Honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I urge you to give an unfavorable report to HB0620. Schools need to be safe, healthy spaces for students, teachers, and staff. HB0620 would change the requirement for reporting of crimes so that only "crimes of violence" will be reported. Distributing drugs, revenge porn, theft, hacking, etc. are not technically "violence" so they would not be reported and keep school officials in the dark about potential threats and dangers.

Schools are places of learning. Marylanders have been shocked and horrified at recent events at school. To rebuild the trust of the community, we need the opposite of this bill: Rules and laws and policies that prioritize the safety and well-being of students.

Please vote no on HB0620.

Rebekah Esko
Ellicott City