

Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 161 - Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) supports *House Bill 161 – Primary and Secondary Education – Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established*. The bill would support the provision of comprehensive health education to K-12 students across Maryland. MASHN supports this legislation because there is a strong body of peer-reviewed research that demonstrates the positive impact of comprehensive health education. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cite robust curriculum as factor in the success of health education. A quality program “as early as possible can help youth develop positive well-being, academic success, and healthy outcomes into adulthood.ⁱ

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

ⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-youth/what-works-in-schools/quality-health-education.html>