

Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: HB 414 – Health and Taxation – Digital Social Media Services and Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth

Hearing Date: January 30, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) supports *House Bill 414 – Health and Taxation – Digital Social Media Services and Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth*. MASHN strongly supports identifying additional resources to support behavioral health services for youth. We have reached the crisis point in the United States as almost 20% of children have a mental health condition.ⁱ As school nurses, we see that there are insufficient resources for youth. This legislation would provide much needed resources to support treatment and prevention services to children.

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

ⁱ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK587174/>