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HB0608: Primary and Secondary Education - Student Immunization - Temporary Admission Period

Good Afternoon, Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

For the record, I am Delegate Kym Taylor, representing Prince George's County, District 23.

As this committee is aware, Foundation Aid funding for our schools is based upon enrollment of qualified students. Qualified students are those that have received age-appropriate immunizations by a certain date. A student without proof of immunization is considered *temporarily enrolled* until the 20th day after the first day of school.

In our local school systems thousands of students – most due to extenuating circumstances – submit immunization records after the 20th day and are, therefore, never counted in the Foundation Aid funding enrollment record.

HB608 proposes that the temporary enrollment date be extended to 60 days in order to optimize the *Target Per-Pupil Foundation Aid that provides each local school system the basic resources necessary to ensure student success.*

Sensitive to the concerns shared by the Department of Health and MSEA, HB608 will be amended to delete Section D on page 3:

(D) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A TEMPORARILY ADMITTED STUDENT SHALL PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE STUDENT'S REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ON THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY FOLLOWING THE STUDENT'S APPOINTMENT WITH A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Deleting the section above will bring the bill in compliance with Maryland Department of Health Regulations Subtitle 6; Chapter 10.06.04.06, Section D:

D. A preschool or school, public or private, shall exclude from school a student who has been temporarily admitted or retained on the next school day following the appointment date if the student's parent or guardian fails to provide evidence of required immunizations.

Note: HB608 may also be amended to change the proposed temporary enrollment extension to 45 days in lieu of 60 days.

Submitted by,

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