



Committee: Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 158 - Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools

Hearing Date: February 18, 2026

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) supports *Senate Bill 158 – Counties – Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools*. As the association representing 90 school-based health centers across Maryland, we advocate for safe and healthy environment for Maryland students. According to the Maryland Department of Transportation, there were 50 pedestrian accidents involving children walking to and from school in 2023.ⁱ MASBHC supports this legislation because it seeks to enhance the safety of pedestrian routes to school.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://zerodeathsmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/PedOnFootBR-2023July08-2024.pdf>