

Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1055 – Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease

Hearing Date: March 4, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) supports *House Bill 1055 – Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease*. This bill adds Gaucher disease to the list of required screenings for newborns. Gaucher disease is a genetic disorder where fat-laden Gaucher cells build up in areas like the spleen, liver, and bone marrow, causing organ inflammation and dysfunction. Newborn screening for Gaucher disease facilitates early identification and pre-symptomatic monitoring so that necessary therapies can begin early and improve clinical outcomes.

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