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Senate Bill 107

Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition

Colleagues, it is my privilege to present **Senate Bill 107 - Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition**

For the record, I am Shaneka Henson, representing District 30 in Anne Arundel County and member of the JPR Committee

You may recall that in 2025 we introduced this legislation to address the ongoing experiences of students having their identity stolen, used and maliciously doxed and threatened. These are psychological, demeaning and emotional situations – which could include yours and/or grandchildren. In reintroducing this legislation this year, it now reflects the comments received from various sources during the prior hearings.

Under the advocacy leadership of Zainab Chaudry, the Director of Maryland’s Council on American-Islamic Relations, this proposed legislation is based on the real-life situations that now exist within all our educational institutions.

Specifically, this legislation prohibits a person or organization from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student who is enrolled in a secondary and post-secondary educational institution – and doing so with the intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student --or with reckless disregard for the risk to their safety. It stipulates that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

Accompanying Ms. Chaudry is Saad Izaz, both a student and victim at the University of Maryland.

Colleagues, after hearing Ms. Chaudry’s and Mr. Izaz’s statements and reading the testimony submitted for the record, I respectfully urge you to FAVORABLY approve SB107.