



Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 454 – Public Schools – School Resource Officers Firearms Required

Hearing Date: February 11, 2026

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) opposes *Senate Bill 454 – School Resource Officers – Firearms Required*. The legislation would require school resource officers and law enforcement placed in schools to care firearms. MASBHC is appreciative of the bill’s intent to make schools safer. However, we have significant concerns that mandating the carrying of firearms will create greater risks to students. We ask that communities continue to work together to protect students. Too many of Maryland’s children are growing up with the fear of gun violence.

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