

**Maryland Association of School Health Nurses**



**Committee:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

**Hearing Date:** February 11, 2026

**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses (MASHN) strongly opposes *House Bill 486- Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Firearms Required*. The bill would require all school resource officers to carry firearms in schools. We appreciate that Marylanders all share the goal of making our schools safer. However, mandating that school resource officers carry firearms is not the answer and would place some students at greater risk. According to recent research highlighted in JAMA, students were at 2.83 times in greater risk of death in schools with armed guards.<sup>i</sup>

We ask for a unfavorable vote. If we can provide any information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).

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<sup>i</sup> <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2776515>