



House Judiciary Committee
February 26, 2026
House Bill 1326 – *Child Abuse and Neglect – Disclosure of Reports and Records*
POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

The Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) is a statewide association representing more than 1,100 pediatricians and allied pediatric and adolescent healthcare practitioners in the State and is a strong and established advocate promoting the health and safety of all the children we serve. On behalf of MDAAP, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 1326, because the bill strengthens child safety protections by expanding appropriate access to child abuse and neglect records for individuals and organizations responsible for supervising children.

MDAAP supports policies that improve coordination among child-serving systems. When organizations supervising children have appropriate access to relevant records, it enhances accountability and strengthens the overall child protection infrastructure. Policies that prevent exposure to unsafe adults in structured child environments (childcare, youth sports, etc.) are consistent with this approach.

MDAAP recommends revising the bill to exclude individual coaches from directly receiving reports or records concerning child abuse involving an employee. Instead, such information should be directed to a senior-level administrator within the youth sports organization. Ensuring that these sensitive reports are received by individuals with appropriate authority, training, and oversight responsibilities is critical to guaranteeing that the information is handled properly and that appropriate action is taken to protect children.

With the inclusion of the amendment, MDAAP urges a favorable report.

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