



TESTIMONY FOR HB0566

Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Committee: House Judiciary

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Aileen Alex, Cochair

Position: FAVORABLE

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0566 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. We are an association of unpaid citizen advocates—individuals and grassroots groups in every district across the state—representing and supporting more than 30,000 Marylanders.

HB0566 addresses a growing problem: the misuse of students’ personal information. The bill makes it clear that no one may distribute a student’s personal identifying information or images that may result in harm. It covers students in both secondary and post-secondary institutions and responds directly to the rise in doxxing, harassment, and online targeting that can derail a young person’s education and well-being. At the same time, the bill allows for legitimate academic, journalistic, and expressive activities. So protections are strong without limiting free speech.

Students deserve to learn and participate in their communities without worrying that their personal information will be used against them. HB0566 gives Maryland a clear, reasonable framework to prevent these harms and to hold people accountable when they occur. It’s a practical step that strengthens safety and trust in our schools and campuses.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports legislation that improves the lives of Marylanders through better education, stronger public safety, and a more just society. Protecting students from targeted harassment and misuse of their personal information is squarely within that mission.

We respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0566.