

February 3, 2026

**Attention: Ways and Means Committee and the Judiciary Committee**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committees,

On behalf of Harford County Public Schools, I support **House Bill 0123, “School Systems - Reportable Offenses – Alterations.”**

The bill appropriately adds serious offenses (including certain sexual offenses, child pornography-related crimes, and human trafficking offenses) to the list of incidents that must be reported to school officials. Timely awareness of these matters is essential for school systems to assess risk, implement safety plans, and provide appropriate educational and support services.

Importantly, House Bill 0123 authorizes State’s Attorneys to notify school systems when law enforcement notification has not occurred. This added authority strengthens information-sharing and closes a critical gap that can otherwise delay necessary safety planning. Notification at the time of charging, rather than after adjudication, allows Maryland public school districts to take proactive steps to protect students, staff, and the broader school community.

Overall, House Bill 0123 emphasized timely communication and coordination across systems that serve our students and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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