

**HB 1097:** Public High Schools - Sports Injury Recordkeeping and Reporting - Requirements: Please vote to **SUPPORT this BIPARTISAN bill.**

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1097**, the bipartisan bill concerning *Public High Schools – Sports Injury Recordkeeping and Reporting – Requirements*.

**Student-athlete safety must always be a top priority.** Requiring consistent recordkeeping and reporting of sports-related injuries is a practical and responsible step toward improving transparency, identifying trends, and strengthening injury prevention efforts across Maryland's high schools.

Accurate data collection allows schools, athletic directors, medical professionals, and policymakers to better understand the frequency and nature of injuries—particularly serious concerns such as concussions and heat-related illnesses. **With reliable information, schools can implement evidence-based safety protocols, improve training standards, and ensure appropriate medical follow-up for injured students.**

This legislation also promotes accountability and consistency statewide. Clear reporting requirements help ensure that injury data is not overlooked or inconsistently tracked, and that parents have confidence their children's health is being taken seriously.

**As a bipartisan measure, HB 1097 reflects a shared commitment to protecting student-athletes while maintaining strong extracurricular athletic programs.**

Supporting student participation in sports and safeguarding their well-being are complementary goals.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1097**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals