



Bill: HB 1097-Public High Schools - Sports Injury Recordkeeping and Reporting - Requirements

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Position: Favorable with Amendments

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Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Athletic Trainers’ Association (MATA) to express our support with amendments for House Bill 1097. Ensuring accurate documentation and reporting of sports-related injuries is an important step toward improving student-athlete safety and showing how important it is for all student-athletes to have access to athletic trainers.

By implementing a standardized statewide reporting system for injuries sustained during school athletic activities, HB1097 will help policymakers and educators better understand patterns of injuries, identify high-risk activities, and implement evidence-based safety measures. Collecting reliable data is essential for developing policies that protect student-athletes while preserving the many benefits of school sports.

While MATA strongly supports this legislation, we respectfully request consideration of the following discussion points and an amendment to include MATA in the collaborative efforts, recognizing athletic trainers’ key role in injury prevention, management, and return-to-play decisions.

Items to consider:

1. The injury log must be standardized across all public schools to ensure that collected data can be analyzed.
2. The injury log must be editable to ensure it can adjust as injury diagnosis change and duration of removal is known.
3. Should there be an end date or report out date to legislation on data collected?

Recommended Amendment

(G) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND, THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, AND THE MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS’ ASSOCAITON MAY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDIZED REPORTING FORMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

I am always happy to any questions that may arise.

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