



CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

Support House Bill (HB) 1011 - Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students – Established **Ways and Means Committee, March 4, 2026**

The City of Takoma Park supports HB1011 and its establishment of a Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students. This workgroup will study ways to support transgender and gender diverse students and, on or before December 1, 2026, make recommendations regarding statewide statutory and regulatory policies.

The City of Takoma Park is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community where all residents experience a sense of safety and belonging. A current priority for our City Council is to support and affirm LGBTQ+ individuals and families, particularly transgender and gender diverse people.

Transgender and gender diverse students are at higher risk of violence victimization, substance use, and suicide risk (CDC, 2019). According to 2023 research by the Trevor Project, over one quarter of transgender and nonbinary young people experienced physical threats or harm in the last year due to their gender identity.

Conversely, transgender and nonbinary students at gender-affirming schools report lower rates of attempting suicide (Trevor Project, 2023). Supports for these students make an incredible difference.

Making our schools more supportive for some of our most vulnerable children just makes sense. The City of Takoma Park supports the creation of this workgroup and urges a favorable report for HB 1011.

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