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## House Bill 1050

### State Department of Education – Organ Donation – Development of Educational Materials

#### FAVORABLE

March 4, 2026

Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins  
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee  
131 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Infinite Legacy, the federally designated nonprofit organ procurement organization (OPO) that serves 10 million people in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, DC, we thank you for your continued support of organ, eye and tissue donation.

We are honored to work with and support Donate Life Maryland, which manages the state's donor registry and provides public education and awareness about donation. Together, our mission focuses on honoring organ, eye and tissue donors and their families and offering Marylanders a second chance through the gift of life.

House Bill 1050 offers an important opportunity to enhance the ongoing partnership among Donate Life Maryland, Infinite Legacy and the dedicated teachers throughout the State of Maryland. This bill would strengthen collaboration with the State Department of Education in developing and deploying donation related curricula and supporting materials, in consultation with our organizations.

In working with community partners and schools throughout the state where we currently offer education and volunteer opportunities, we see a commitment from teachers to foster good citizenship and a sense of social responsibility in their students. While facilitating these activities, students tell us how important it is to have accurate and meaningful education as they consider signing up to be an organ donor, which many describe as a way in which to demonstrate their altruism.

This bill will enhance these programs and offer resources and materials that are evidence-based and reflect the most up to date information and data available about organ, eye and tissue donation. This bill does not mandate a specific curriculum; rather it offers educational materials and donation program experts readily available to support the work of educators through content development, asynchronous teaching materials, and donation program educators who can offer on-site education and support.

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There are more than 2,500 Marylanders awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant; thousands more who would benefit from the gifts of tissue donation, to include the restoration of sight made possible by a cornea transplant.

Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do on behalf of Marylanders. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you might have or share more information about the positive impact this bill would provide and for which Infinite Legacy respectfully requests a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Kennedy".

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# Infinite Legacy

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## Saving Lives Through Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

Infinite Legacy is a nonprofit organ procurement organization (OPO) serving almost 10 million people in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, DC. We facilitate organ, eye and tissue donation and educate people about the critical importance of registering to be a donor.

Infinite Legacy works with 68 hospitals and eight transplant centers to decrease the number of people waiting for a lifesaving transplant. We are passionate about giving life and restoring hope while honoring the legacy and generosity of donors and providing care to their families.

### **Mission Statement**

We inspire our communities to create an infinite legacy through organ, eye and tissue donation.

### **Vision Statement**

We strive to improve the health of our communities by giving life and restoring hope through the power of donation.

### **Quality Commitment**

We aim to exceed quality standards and expectations to enhance lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Since 2007, Infinite Legacy staff have facilitated...

4,657 organ donors

14,167 organ transplants

13,475 tissue donors

More than 4,000 people are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Maryland and the Metro DC area.

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