



**Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

**Bill Number: Senate Bill 726**

**Title: Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant**

**Hearing Date: February 18, 2020**

**Position: Support**

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 726 – Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant*. This bill would add physician assistants to the types of health care providers allowed to complete a physical examination of a student entering a Maryland public school for the first time.

Physician assistants currently have the ability to act as a child’s primary pediatric care provider through delegation agreements with physicians. For children whose primary pediatric care provider is a physician assistant, this bill will ensure that children are able to seek the required examination from their primary provider who is familiar with their health history and developmental milestones.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.