



Support

House Bill 975 – State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health School-Based Health Centers – Ombudsmen

House Health and Government Operations Committee

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 975 – State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health – School-Based Health Centers – Ombudsmen*. School-based health centers are essential to providing a broad range of health care services to children in schools in high-poverty areas. Maryland can use this model to ensure that more children have access to needed primary care, behavioral health, and dental services. To expand access, we first need to know the level of need, the capacity of our communities, and the resources needed for school-based health centers. HB 681 would provide this information through a needs assessment conducted by the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland State Department of Education. A needs assessment is a solid public health for determining next steps in Maryland’s commitment to school-based health centers.

We ask for a favorable vote. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or relliott@policypartners.net.

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