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BILL NO.: **HB 802**

TITLE: Civil Actions – Civil Immunity – Educator Intervention in Student Violence

SPONSOR: Delegate Cox

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORTS**

DATE: February 19, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Civil Actions – Civil Immunity – Educator Intervention in Student Violence. This bill would provide that a staff member of a school is not civilly liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from intervention in a student altercation or other student disturbance, as long as said staff member acted in good faith and was not grossly negligent.

Classroom violence is an unfortunate reality that many teachers struggle with. When violence erupts between students and non-violent de-escalation has been ineffective, the teacher is often torn between intervening, which could lead to them facing disciplinary action later, and waiting for a security officer, which could allow the altercation to further escalate. HB 802 seeks to alleviate this issue by preventing staff members from being held civilly liable in these situations.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 802. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.