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Support

House Bill 856 – Public Schools - Health Services - School Nurses

Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) supports House Bill 856 – Public Schools - Health Services - School Nurses. This bill would ensure that every school has a full-time school nurse.

Our members provide primary care, oral and dental health services to students across the state. In recognition of the importance of school-based health centers, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future included \$9.0 million annually to support school-based health centers. School-based health centers are most effective when a school has a school nurse to help coordinate student care. School nurses are an important connection between school-based health centers and the broader school health system.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at stiffin@policypartners.net or (443) 350-1325.