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In Support of HB 297: Facilities – Disabilities, Juvenile, Behavioral Health and Health Care – Safety Plans

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Health and Govt. Ops. Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1300 members and fully support revising the state's education regulations around developing and implementing safety plans for a variety of service settings and provider settings for individuals with disabilities and behavioral health issues.

Many of the children that we represent need the very vital services provided by these professionals and service providers in order to improve health, improve their access to the world, build skills sets as well as life skills areas. Too often children with disabilities have their services cut, curtailed or underfunded. As part of Maryland's new Blueprint Education Law, our kids with disabilities should have all that they need to be successful in school and in life. And the process of implementing the Blueprint for our kids should include an improvement within the safety planning for these service provider environments.

We trust that these revisions to the state laws will change and help to further support all Maryland students. The future success and health of all of our students depends on many necessary improvements and supports being in place, during these unusual times, as we begin the long tasks related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and improving the lives of all our kids. Thank you all for supporting the education, health, safety and wellbeing of all students, especially those with disabilities.

Please support House Bill 297 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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