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TESTIMONY

BILL: House Bill (HB) 136 - Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools -
Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh's Act)

SPONSOR: Delegate Kerr and Delegate Johnson

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

Monday, January 17, 2022

HB 136: Favorable

The Maryland Student Coalition is an entirely student-led, advocacy group that serves to bring students together to promote education policy reform. Founded in 2020 as a vehicle for advocating for students' right to demonstrate, our scope has since expanded to include more educational advocacy initiatives. You can learn more at marylandstudents.org

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and honorable members of the Ways and Means Committee.
We are writing in favor of House Bill 136.

House Bill (HB) 136, Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Seizure Action Plans, will require that at least two school personnel, per school, be trained in appropriate and effective seizure response methods. Additionally, this legislation will provide training for all school personnel for seizure recognition and response methods.

The Maryland Student Coalition echoes the need for trained staff to handle vast health needs that occur in schools. By requiring personnel to be knowledgeable on the correct way to react to a seizure, you will save lives. This legislation is a simple way to address this important issue, through a reasonable mandate to serve the general public health.

The Maryland Student Coalition supports the principles within the legislation and strongly encourages issuing a **favorable** report on HB 136.