



Committee: Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 354 – Maryland Pathway to Nursing Program and Advisory Committee

Hearing Date: February 6, 2024

Position: Support

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Centers (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 354 - Maryland Pathway to Nursing Program and Advisory Committee - Establishment*. This bill will create a Maryland Pathway to Nursing Program to increase the number of registered nursing students, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses in the state. MASBHC supports this bill as a strategy to address health professional shortages in schools. In Maryland, there are over 85 school-based health centers (SBHCs) and many are under-staffed. Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are qualified to work in SBHCs and having people with that skillset benefit the students utilizing the services.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.