



House Ways & Means Committee

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House Bill 1268

Educational Institutions – Opioid Overdose–Reversing Medications – Policy Requirements

Support

NCADD-Maryland supports House Bill 1268. The Maryland General Assembly has spent the last ten years creating policies to address the opioid overdose crisis. In 2017, you passed the Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act, also known as the Start Talking Maryland Act.

It's time for an update to that policy. House Bill 1268 expands who can administer the extremely safe and life-saving medication naloxone to someone experiencing an overdose. It also includes expanding who can get the training.

We believe that the broad knowledge and availability of naloxone products is essential to saving people's lives. We urge a favorable report.

The Maryland Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD-Maryland) is a statewide organization that works to influence public and private policies on addiction, treatment, and recovery, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, and improve the understanding of addictions and the recovery process. We advocate for and with individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism and drug addiction.