



## HB1235 MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY - SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INJURY REPORTING AND STUDY

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

### OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1235 Maryland Center for School Safety - School Employee Injury Reporting and Study**. This bill requires the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) to collect data from local school systems on injuries to teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff members, and report the results of its analysis of the data annually to the Governor and General Assembly.

AACPS opposes this legislation as it is unnecessary and duplicative. Under current law, each local school system must promptly inform MCSS of any critical, life-threatening incidents that occur on school grounds and invite the center to participate in a required after-action review of the incident. At the conclusion of the review, the local school system must file a report with MCSS, and the center must report to the Governor and General Assembly on lessons learned from the incident and any recommendations for improving school safety.

AACPS employees who experience an injury on the job are required by local policy to report the injury to their supervisor or school secretary as soon as possible so that a Workers' Compensation Incident Report Form may be completed. Claims are administered by the Anne Arundel County Risk Management Division and the AACPS Insurance and Safety Management Office is the more appropriate local school system organizational unit with access to relevant information. The Office of School Security, and by proxy, the "school safety coordinator" has no role in gathering any data related to workplace injuries. Information related to workplace injuries, if required for transmission, is more appropriately directed to offices not directly affiliated with school security.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1235.