

**House Bill 56: Public Schools – Wellness Policy – School Meals**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to add to a certain wellness policy on or before a certain date a certain plan for reducing students’ added sugar intake per school meal based on certain recommendations; and generally relating to the wellness policy in public schools.

Position: Support

Whereas, we support availability of wellness centers in all schools  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line A);*

Whereas, we support initiatives designed to promote wellbeing in youth  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line H);*

Be it hereby resolved that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports requiring certain county boards of education to add to a certain wellness policy on or before a certain date a certain plan for reducing students’ added sugar intake per school meal based on certain recommendations.

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**House Bill 7: Environment – Children With Elevated Blood Lead Levels – Environmental Investigation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before a certain date, to adopt certain regulations to establish certain procedures for conducting environmental investigations to determine the source of lead exposure for children with certain elevated blood lead levels; and generally relating to children with elevated blood lead levels.

Position: Support

Whereas, we support initiatives designed to promote wellbeing in youth  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line H)*

Whereas, we support limiting the use of and exposure to harmful chemicals on school property *(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank VI, Line E)*

Whereas, we support state and community initiatives that encourage a cleaner environment *(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank VI, Line F)*

Be it hereby resolved that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations to establish certain procedures for conducting environmental investigations to determine the source of lead exposure for children with certain elevated blood lead levels.

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**Senate Bill 90: Public and Nonpublic Schools – Classwork and Assessment Involving Live and Dead Animals – Student Right of Refusal**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a student in a public school or nonpublic school to refuse to participate in or observe, in whole or in part, classwork or an assessment that includes certain actions conducted on a certain animal; authorizing a student to exercise a certain right of refusal at a certain time; requiring a certain student to complete certain classwork or a certain assessment by an alternate educational method determined by a certain teacher for a certain purpose; requiring that a certain assignment meet certain requirements; prohibiting a teacher or a public school or a nonpublic school from penalizing or discriminating against a certain student under certain circumstances in a certain manner; requiring the State Department of Education to send a certain notice to each county board of education on or before a certain date each year; requiring a county board to distribute a certain notice to certain public schools at certain times; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing that a nonpublic school may establish a certain policy; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a student’s right of refusal regarding classwork and assessment involving live and dead animals.

**Position: Support**

Whereas, we support practices and instruction that support environmental protection at all schools  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank VI, Line B*)

Whereas, we support providing educational opportunities specialized to meet each student's needs and abilities  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank II, Line B*)

Whereas, we support computer and technology education  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank II, Line D*)

Be it hereby resolved that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports authorizing a student in a public school or nonpublic school to refuse to participate in or observe, in whole or in part, classwork or an assessment that includes certain actions conducted on a certain animal; authorizing a student to exercise a certain right of refusal at a certain time; requiring a certain student to complete certain classwork or a certain assessment by an alternate educational method determined by a certain teacher for a certain purpose; requiring that a certain assignment meet certain requirements; prohibiting a teacher or a public school or a nonpublic school from penalizing or discriminating against a certain student under certain circumstances in a certain manner; requiring the State Department of Education to send a certain notice to each county board of education on or before a certain date each year; requiring a county board to distribute a certain notice to certain public schools at certain times; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing that a nonpublic school may establish a certain policy; and defining certain terms.

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### **Senate Bill 232: Education - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Attendance Policy**

FOR the purpose of specifying that certain absences from school are lawful absences under certain circumstances; requiring each county board of education to develop a certain attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that excuses certain absences under certain circumstances and provides a certain number of days of excused absences for certain students under certain circumstances; requiring certain schools to allow certain students to make up the work that the student missed in a certain time period and to choose the method by which to make up the work that the student missed; and generally relating to absences from school for pregnant and parenting students.

#### **Position: Support**

Whereas, we support efforts to increase student awareness and prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line G*)

Whereas, we support initiatives designed to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in youth  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line H*)

Whereas, we support providing educational opportunities specialized to meet each student's needs and abilities  
(*Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank II, Line B*)

Be it hereby resolved the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports specifying that certain absences from school are lawful absences under certain circumstances; requiring each county board of education to develop a certain attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that excuses certain absences under certain circumstances and provides a certain number of days of excused absences for certain students under certain circumstances; and requiring certain schools to allow certain students to make up the work that the student missed in a certain time period and to choose the method by which to make up the work that the student missed.

**Senate Bill 78: Vehicle Laws – School Crossing Guards – Authority to Direct Traffic**

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain qualifications to direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist non-school vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic.

**Position: Support**

Whereas, we support proactive measures to ensure student safety  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank IV, Line A)*

Whereas, we support programs to promote positive relationships between youth and law enforcement  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank IV, Line L)*

Whereas, we support initiatives designed to promote positive wellbeing in youth  
*(Maryland Association of Student Councils Platform Plank V, Line H)*

Be it hereby resolved that the Maryland Association of Student Councils supports expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain qualifications to direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist non-school vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic.