Maryland State School Health Council Online Meeting: 2019 Legislative Wrap-up

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Education- Personnel Matters-Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention (HB486)

• Requires county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to require an applicant for a position involving direct contact with minors to submit information from previous employers on whether they had previously been investigated for child abuse.
Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Elevated Level of Lead and Grant Program (HB1253/SB481)

• Alters the definition of "elevated level of lead" to mean a lead concentration in drinking water exceeding 5 parts per billion for provisions of law relating to testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in school buildings;

• Requires the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to establish and administer a grant program to assist local school systems with costs associated with implementing remedial measures.
Elementary School Students: Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) (HB110)

- Requires *daily physical activity* be provided in *public elementary schools*;
- The bill originally stated that the physical education must total **150 minutes each week** and include a **minimum of 90 minutes** of physical education.
- The bill did not ultimately pass.
Public Schools- Provision of Feminine Hygiene Products (HB133)

• The bill requires a county board of education to ensure that each public school serving students in any grade from grades 6 through 12 provides, at no charge to students, feminine hygiene products in the restrooms at the school.
Prince George's County- Elementary School Students- Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) (HB196)

- Requires public school students in *Prince George's County* elementary schools to be provided a *daily program* of physical activity, totaling *150 minutes weekly*;
- Requires that student's physical activity program to be *consistent* with the student's *Individualized Education Program*, if applicable.
Public School Students - Vision Services and the Vision for Maryland Program (HB1242/SB915)

• **Requires** each county board of education to coordinate with the **Vision for Maryland Program** to ensure that students are able to receive **eye examinations** and, if necessary, **eyeglasses**;

• Establishes the **Vision for Maryland Program**;

• Requires the **Maryland Department of Health** to carry out the Program in **consultation** with **Johns Hopkins University, county boards of education, and local health departments**.
State Department of Education-Guidelines on Trauma Informed Approach (SB223/HB256)

- Establishes a *Trauma-Informed School Initiative* which would include *providing trainings to staff members* of local school systems and *establish guidelines* for how schools approach *student's trauma*. 
Education - Identification of Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Study and Report (SB778/HB708)

- Requires the **MD Department of Health, the State Department of Education, and the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board** jointly to **study the under-identification of traumatic brain injuries** among school-aged children and to **recommend a process to identify** children with existing traumatic brain injuries in schools.
Questions?
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