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URGENT: CALLS NEEDED

Call Senators on the Education Subcommittee TODAY to urge them to support the package of bills for restorative approaches and safe schools with minimal police contact.



URGENT: Call Senate Education Subcommittee (EHEA) **Members TODAY!**

Support restorative approaches and safe schools with minimal police contact!

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Senators on the Education Subcommittee in Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs will be voting on many bills today and tomorrow. The **ACLU and the Maryland Coalition to Reform School Discipline** coalition are concerned that the package of bills supporting the implementation of restorative approaches could stall.

These bills cover areas to define restorative approaches (HB725), funding (HB1229), and oversight (HB1208), and guidance for school resource officer conduct (HB439).

These climate bills are crucial to building positive school climates and effective implementation of new practices, to keep students in school rather than pushing them out through ineffective, exclusionary discipline practices. Restorative approaches have been shown to improve overall school climate and student behavior in a manner that is equitable and helps students stay on track to graduate.

Restorative approaches are a resource for teachers and students across the state and need guidance and support.

Call your state Senators in the Education Subcommitte of the Maryland General Assembly Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and urge them to vote "YES" on restorative approaches! (HB439, HB725, HB1208, and HB1229)



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