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Delegate Shaneka Henson and Senator Anthony Muse Introduce Cameron Carden Act to Support Students' Mental Health

Annapolis MD - Delegate Shaneka Henson(D) District 30 A and Senator Anthony Muse (D) District 26 are making waves with the reintroduction of the Cameron Carden Act, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at providing crucial mental health support for Maryland students. Inspired by the experiences of Cameron Carden, a student who faced racial hate at Salisbury University, the act ensures fair treatment by allowing students facing mental health crises to withdraw and receive reimbursement.

Cameron Carden's story is a poignant reminder of the challenges students can encounter. When his mental health suffered due to racial incidents, his parents were denied reimbursement under existing policies. This injustice motivated the Anne Arundel County Delegate, Shaneka Henson to spearhead the Cameron Carden Act.

"I was deeply moved by Cameron Carden's story. We need to act to prevent other students from going through the same struggles. The Cameron Carden Act ensures fair treatment for students facing mental health challenges, offering them the support they need," states Delegate Henson.

The act mandates public institutions to adopt policies allowing students to withdraw for extenuating circumstances, with reimbursement for tuition and fees. Senator Anthony Muse emphasizes the importance of collaboration, stating, "Supporting Maryland's youth is crucial. The Cameron Carden Act is a step towards ensuring students facing mental health challenges receive the care and protection they need."

As the Cameron Carden Act progresses through the legislative process, it stands as a beacon of support for the mental health and well-being of Maryland's youth.

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