



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: Senate Bill 238

TITLE: School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact

DATE: February 18, 2026

POSITION: Support

COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports Senate Bill 238.

This bill would permit Maryland to join the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact, which allows school psychologists who hold a license in one state to becoming licensed in a member state through an abbreviate process. This eases the burden on a school psychologist who would like to, or needs to, relocate from one state to another by ensuring a smooth process for transferring their license and allowing them to continue serving students without undue delay.

The School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact reduces barriers to license portability and employment for school psychologists. This makes it easier for people to become licensed to work in Maryland, which makes moving to Maryland easier. This is particularly important, given the shortage of school psychologists across the nation. The School Psychologist Interstate Compact would bring School Psychology into alignment with other professions and keep Maryland competitive as an attractive location to practice. Seven states currently participate in the compact, two of which are neighboring states (Delaware and West Virginia). Five states have current legislation filed, or are filing legislation in 2026, to join the compact. These states are Pennsylvania and Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, in addition to Maryland. Montgomery County recruits school psychologists from all over the country but, in particular, from Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Joining the Compact will assist in our recruitment efforts.

As a result of the positive impact the proposed legislation would have on operations in Montgomery County Public Schools, the Montgomery County Board of Education supports Senate Bill 238ho and requests a **favorable** report.