



Bill No: SB81
Title: Criminal Law - School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students
Committee: Judicial Proceedings
Hearing: January 27, 2026
Position: FAVORABLE

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is a statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families. MLAW's purpose is to advocate for legislation affecting women and families. To accomplish this goal, MLAW creates an annual legislative agenda with issues voted on by MLAW members and endorsed by organizations and individuals from all over Maryland. **SB81 - Criminal Law - School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students** is a priority on the **2026 MLAW Agenda** and we urge your support.

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The proposed amendment simply adds school resource officers to the list of positions covered under § 3-314, ensuring that SROs are legally prohibited from engaging in sexual acts with students at their assigned schools. This closes an existing gap, strengthens protections for minors, and reinforces the expectation that all adults in authority within schools are bound by the same ethical and legal standards.

For these reasons, MLAW strongly urges the passage of SB81.

MLAW 2026 Supporting Organizations

The following organizations have signed on in support of our 2026 Legislative Agenda*:

American Association of University Women-Anne Arundel County
American Association of University Women-Kensington-Rockville
American Association of University Women-Maryland
American Association of University Women-Garrett Branch
American Association of University Women-Howard County Branch
Baltimore County Commission for Women
Business and Professional Women – Montgomery County
Bound for Better, advocates for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse
Campaign for Eneshal Galloway at Large Candidacy
Crabs On The Shore
Jack and Jill of America Western Maryland Chapter
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Montgomery County Commission for Women
National Organization for Women, Carroll County Chapter
National Organization for Women, Montgomery County Chapter
Postpartum Support International - Maryland
Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
Postpartum Support International, Maryland Chapter
Self-Reflections: Social-Emotional, Behavioral and Advocacy Services, LLC
Stella's Girls, Incorporated
SUB&S LLC
The Heart Nest
The Rest Of A Life (TROAL)
Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.
Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, Patuxent River Chapter
Unrooted Culture
Women's Commission for Baltimore City
Women's Equity Center and Action Network
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