



Bill No: HB329
Title: Criminal Law - School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: February 24, 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. [HB329 - Criminal Law - School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students](#) is a priority on the [2026 MLAW Agenda](#) and we urge your support.

HB329- Criminal Law - School Resource Officers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students closes a loophole in Maryland’s sexual offense statute by prohibiting sexual conduct between a school resource officer (SRO) and any student at the school to which the officer is assigned, recognizing the inherent power imbalance and duty of care owed to students.

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 HB329.

MLAW 2026 Supporting Organizations

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

AAUW Anne Arundel County
AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch
AAUW Maryland
AAUW Garrett Branch
American Association of University Women Howard County Branch
Baltimore County Commission for Women
Bound for Better, advocates for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse
Campaign for Eneshal Galloway at Large Candidacy
Carroll County Chapter NOW
Crabs On The Shore
Jack and Jill of America Western Maryland Chapter
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)
Maryland NOW
Montgomery County Business and Professional Women
Montgomery County Commission for Women
Montgomery County Chapter, National Organization for Women
National Association of University Women, Prince George's County
NAUW
Postpartum Support International, Maryland
Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
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)
Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, Patuxent River Chapter
Unrooted Culture
Women's Commission for Baltimore City
Women's Equity Center and Action Network
Women's Law Center of Maryland
Zonta Club of Annapolis

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