

Favorable
House Bill 1341
Public Schools - School Security Personnel –
Immigration Investigation and Enforcement

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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 1341. This legislation restricts school resource officers and security staff from participating in federal immigration enforcement or sharing student/employee data for such purposes.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools and community colleges, teaching and supporting our almost 900,000 K-12 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA represents more than 44 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

House Bill 1341 is part of a number of legislative initiatives that MSEA is supporting this session to lend our voice to protect students in schools and their communities. There has been a dangerous escalation of authoritarian tactics that threaten safety, civil liberties, and democratic values across the country. The last 12 months have seen unjust law enforcement actions with little regard for due process and equal protection. Communities are being traumatized, requiring states like Maryland to resist assaults on our civil liberties through legislative action such as this bill.

MSEA believes in the continual promotion and protection of the educational environments that actively affirm the dignity, safety, and full participation of all individuals. MSEA further believes in fostering trust and opportunity for immigrant communities through policies that ensure their full inclusion and protection within the school environment.



Educators have a moral and professional responsibility to keep all students safe, primarily in school, and to advocate for safe communities for our students and their families. We believe the prohibition of school resource officers and security staff from participating in federal immigration enforcement or sharing student/employee data for such purposes is part of creating safer communities and ultimately better learning and living conditions for our students, families, and staff.

MSEA adds our voice to this critical moment that requires a renewed commitment to civil rights and social justice and urges a favorable report on House Bill 1341.