

EDUCATION ADVOCACY COALITION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

HOUSE JUDICIARY AND WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES

HOUSE BILL 1341: Public Schools—School Security Personnel—Immigration Investigation and Enforcement February 25, 2026

Position: **SUPPORT**

The Education Advocacy Coalition for Students with Disabilities (EAC) is a coalition of nearly 50 organizations and individuals committed to advancing education policies that protect and support Maryland students with disabilities. The EAC supports House Bill 1341, which would prohibit school security personnel, including school resource officers and others, from engaging in immigration investigation or enforcement functions at public schools and from producing or sharing information about students, their families, or school employees for the purposes of federal immigration enforcement investigation or enforcement in the absence of a judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or legal order for the production of information.

As the United States Supreme Court held more than forty years ago in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S.202 (1982), all students, regardless of their immigration status, are entitled to attend school. Many EAC members represent or work with immigrant families whose children have disabilities and who need special education and related services in order to make educational progress. Families should not have to choose between ensuring the safety of their children and themselves from immigration agents and accessing the educational services and supports to which their children are legally entitled.

Although House Bill 1341 cannot completely protect children and their families and school employees from the myriad ways they are vulnerable to immigration enforcement, by protecting their information, the bill will enable children to engage in the business of learning and will enable school staff to engage in the business of teaching without having to worry that personal information will simply be handed over to immigration agents.

For these reasons, the EAC supports House Bill 1341.

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