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TO: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
DATE: 02/25/2026
RE: HB1341 - Public Schools - School Security Personnel -
Immigration Investigation and Enforcement

The MLLC supports HB1341 - Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB1341.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has traditionally avoided conducting immigration enforcement operations at sensitive locations such as churches, courts, and schools, however that policy was changed after President Trump's second inauguration¹. Recently, ICE has been seen in school parking lots and surrounding areas stoking terror in predominately immigrant and Latino communities. Immigration enforcement in public schools creates harm for students by fostering an environment of fear that can lead to chronic absenteeism and a threat to the right of an education². As immigration enforcement has increased around public schools, public school systems have begun to issue guidance on how staff should respond to immigration enforcement.

School security personnel have unique access to schools due to their proximity to students and staff. That proximity makes school security personnel a target for information for immigration enforcement operations. This bill offers clear guidelines to school systems that employ safety personnel on how school safety personnel should respond to requests from immigration enforcement and prohibits school safety personnel from sharing sensitive information regarding students and school employees. It is important to protect children in sensitive locations, such as schools, which includes guarding their personal information from being leaked.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB1341.

¹ [ACLI Pennsylvania. Schools must protect students –and follow the law– if ICE shows up. 13 Feb. 2025.](#)

² [American Immigration Council. Learning in the Shadows: How Immigration Enforcement Harms Students and Schools. 26 Aug. 2025](#)