

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
House Bill 325
Education – Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board –
Composition

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The Maryland State Education Association supports, with an amendment, House Bill 325, which would alter the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by removing a member who is a certified nonpublic school classroom teacher and increasing the number of members of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.

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

We appreciate the sponsor's aim of ensuring that the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) is well represented on the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. MANSEF represents State Department of Education-approved nonpublic special education schools that serve students whose needs require specialized support beyond what their public school can provide.

We would encourage an amendment to designate that one MANSEF member is a certified special education teacher and one is a school administrator, with both members actively serving in those capacities. Each role provides unique insight into the needs and operations of a school, and the Board will benefit from having each perspective represented.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 325.