

Testimony in Opposition of Senate Bill 210  
COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity

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The Maryland State Education Association opposes Senate Bill 210 which would provide civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to certain persons, who are deemed in compliance with federal, state, and local statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our 896,837 students for careers and jobs of the future. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3 million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Under existing statute, it is not clear that a COVID-19 claim is covered under workers' compensation. Additionally, there are no minimum standards for a COVID-19 claim set by Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH). This bill would give employers a pass from liability, so long as they can claim that they have adhered to non-existent standards. Without existing standards created by MOSH, this bill creates a complete pass on liability.

**MSEA requests an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 210.**