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The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee  
131 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 1096 Public Schools – School Psychologist Recruitment Program– Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Kaiser:

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the “Board”) is submitting this Letter of Information for HB 1096 Public Schools – School Psychologist Recruitment Program.

This bill establishes the School Psychologist Recruitment Program and requires the Program, in coordination with the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, to provide professional development programs to certified school psychologists and individuals seeking to become certified school psychologists in addition to other requirements of the Program.

The Board is submitting this Letter of Information to clarify that the Board does not have jurisdiction over school psychologists. The psychology Practice Act states the following, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 18-301(b) *Exceptions - (2) The education–related services described in regulations adopted by the State Department of Education that are performed by a certified school psychologist: (i) While performing the duties of employment of the certified school psychologist.* Therefore, school psychologists are exempt from licensure and are not under the purview of the Board. Also, the Board is not involved in providing professional development programs. Professional development programs are commonly the role of associations.

Thank you for your time. The Board respectfully asks that you consider this information and agree that this bill does not involve the Board of Examiners of Psychologists. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Lorraine Smith, Executive Director at [Lorraine.smith@maryland.gov](mailto:Lorraine.smith@maryland.gov) or 410-764-4787.

Sincerely,  
*Lorraine Smith*  
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