



Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, Vice Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 22, 2022

Bill: House Bill 752 – Public Schools - School Psychologist Recruitment Program

Position: Support

Dear Chairman Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland School Psychologists' Association (MSPA), a professional organization representing about 500 school psychologists in Maryland. We advocate for the social-emotional, behavioral, and academic wellbeing of students and families across the state.

There is currently a significant shortage of school psychologists in our state. There is a variety of interrelated causes to these shortages. We support any efforts to increase the number of school psychologists in our state.

For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report on HB 752. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at legislative@mSPAonline.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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