

**Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 1281
County Boards of Education - Elected Members - Recall Procedures**

**Ways and Means
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The Maryland State Education Association opposes House Bill 1281, which would establish processes and procedures for the recall of an elected member of a county board of education.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students for the 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).

This legislation is unnecessary, as there are already procedures in place for the State Board of Education and the Governor to remove an elected member of a county board of education under certain circumstances, including immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty. The approach proposed in this legislation is an ineffective use of public resources.

We urge the committee to issue an Unfavorable Report on House Bill 1281.