



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**  
**House Bill 512:**  
**Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition - Alteration**

**OFFERED ON BEHALF OF**  
The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities  
(MANSEF)

**BEFORE THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**March 3, 2020**

The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) is comprised of 70 nonpublic special education schools across Maryland. We currently serve approximately 3800 publicly funded school children with special needs and employ over 1500 teachers, clinicians, and administrators. MANSEF offers our support of House Bill 512– **Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition – Alteration.**

PSTEB is composed of 25 members and shares with the State Board of Education, the authority to develop rules and regulations for the certification of teachers and other professional personnel and overseeing the requirements for the State’s teacher preparation programs. The Governor appoints members of the PSTEB for a three-year term.

MANSEF schools are approved by MSDE and follow COMAR 13A.09.10. Therefore, our teachers are certified by MSDE like their public school counterparts. The actions taken by PSTEB have a direct impact on the career development paths of the professionals we employ. Thereby, MANSEF representation on this Board will be very beneficial for our teachers and aid in our efforts to ensure properly credentialed and highly quality individuals are serving Maryland’s special needs students.

Altering the membership of PSTEB may seem like an insignificant change; however, this simple step will allow MANSEF members to have a voice at the table and provide valuable contributions to the overall mission of PSTEB.

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