



**Bill: SB0165 Education – Coaches - Mental Health Training**  
**Position: Support**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

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

This bill requires that Maryland public schools and institutions of higher education offering a mainstream athletic provide specified mental health training to participating coaches. We understand the relationship that exists between children and their coaches, and we are supportive of any initiative to identify symptoms of mental illness and behavioral distress.

Therefore, for the above reasons, we urge a favorable report on SB0165. If we can provide any further information or be of any assistance, please contact us at [legislative@mSPAonline.org](mailto:legislative@mSPAonline.org) or Sarah Peters at [speters@hbstrategies.us](mailto:speters@hbstrategies.us) or 410-322-2320.

Respectfully submitted,

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