

**BILL:** Senate Bill 845  
**TITLE:** Local Education Agencies – Educator Screening – NASDTEC Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act)  
**HEARING DATE:** March 5, 2025  
**POSITION:** UNFAVORABLE  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Energy, and the Environment  
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all the state’s local boards of education, opposes Senate Bill 845, Local Education Agencies – Educator Screening – NASDTEC Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act).

MABE believes the principle of local governance by boards of education is fundamental to a sound system of public education. This bill imposes a local government mandate. This legislation would require each local education agency in the State to become an associate member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse for screening educators and individuals who apply to be educators. It would also require each educator employed within the local school system to become a member of NASDTEC by July 1, 2025.

The needs of local school districts vary greatly from one school system to another and the local governance authority of boards of education in Maryland is continuously challenged by state initiatives. That authority is also challenged by unfunded mandates, as the new requirements of this legislation do not include a budget allocation for the state to support local usage of this Clearinghouse.

For these reasons, **MABE respectfully requests an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 845.**

