



TESTIMONY FOR SB0770

Applicants for Positions Involving Direct Contact With Minors – Required Information, Review Process, and Reporting - Alterations

Bill Sponsor: Senator Gile

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0770 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill will expand the number of places that must require applicants to submit a release of records from prior employers to include child care centers and youth-serving organizations, such as summer camps, and recreational sports teams. The applicants must not only submit information about previous sexual abuse or neglect or boundary-violating behavior a written statement that they have never engaged in sexual abuse, neglect or boundary-violating behavior.

Our members believe that you can never be too careful in vetting the people who we trust our children to. We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee