## Maryland State Child Care Association

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The Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) is a non-profit, statewide, professional association incorporated in 1984 to promote the growth and development of child care and learning centers in Maryland. MSCCA has over 5500 members working in the field of child care/early childhood education. We believe children are our most important natural resource and work hard to advocate for children, families and for professionalism within the early childhood community.

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Maryland State Child Care Association fully supports SB 252 to ensure flexibility for MSDE to safely support appropriate ratios for CPR/First Aid in licensed child care programs, especially related to school age settings.

SB 252 is a direct result of the workgroup created to include child care stakeholders and MSDE leadership to review school-age child care regulations and impact safe, positive changes that support children and the critical child care workforce.

The bill must also align the minimum age of child care teachers in centers with current law of age 18.

MSCCA requests for a favorable report.