

# Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1300

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## **SB 166 - State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Graduate Assistants and Postdoctoral Associates**

**Favorable**  
Senate Finance Committee  
January 30th, 2025

ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

The right to organize and form unions is essential to a functioning democracy. It is recognized by Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, stating plainly, “Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.”

The graduate and postgraduate workers have waited far too long to use their rights. Thousands of workers are waiting on the General Assembly to grant them a right that they should not have to ask for. We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on this bill.