



# Maryland Education Coalition

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**BILL: [SJ0001](#) ([HJ0003](#)) Ratifying the Federal Child Labor Amendment**

**COMMITTEE: Senate Finance Committee**

**POSITION: Support**

The Maryland Education Coalition (MEC) was originally founded over 40 years ago and is made up of over twenty statewide organizations and individual advocates with extensive experience. (see below). We advocate for adequate funding, equitable policies, and transparent accountability for the estimated 900,000 diverse students\* in Maryland's public schools, regardless of their academic, cultural, economic, geographic, racial, or other demographic status.

MEC supports the ratification of SJ 1 - Ratifying the Federal Child Labor Amendment which would provide the U.S. Congress 4 with the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of minors; and generally relating to the federal Child Labor Amendment. We believe child labor policy should be standardized among all states and protect children from labor practices that are not age appropriate, safe or healthy.

Therefore, we urge a favorable report for SJ 1 - Ratifying the Federal Child Labor Amendment

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