

## **Testimony Before the House Ways & Means Committee**

**January 29, 2025**

### **House Bill 118 Bill - Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact**

**\*\* Support \*\***

The National Association of Social Workers is the largest professional association of social workers in the country, and the Maryland Chapter represents social workers across the state. The Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MD) respectfully submits this testimony in strong support of HB118, which authorizes Maryland to join the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact. This compact would allow teachers licensed in one member state to teach in other member states, provided certain licensure standards are met.

NASW-MD advocates for the wellbeing and educational success of all students in Maryland, and we believe that HB 118 presents a unique opportunity to improve the quality of education across our state while expanding opportunities for qualified educators. The bill would enhance access to high-quality educators, support teacher mobility and retention, ensure rigorous standards and equity across the states, support students' social and emotional development, and streamline administrative burden.

NASW-MD fully supports HB 118 as it aligns with our shared commitment to core values and principles, as both professions are centered around promoting the well-being and development of individuals, families, and communities. The Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the challenges of teacher shortages and enhancing the quality of education in our state.

We urge the committee to favorably report HB 118 and look forward to the positive impact it will have on Maryland's educators and students.

Respectfully,

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