



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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January 27, 2025

The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – HB0118 – Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

Dear Chair Atterbeary and distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) and as its Legislative Director, I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **HB 0118, Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact**, sponsored by Delegate Bernice Mireku-North. This bill will repeal the State of Maryland's participation in the Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel, adopted in 1968, and enact the above compact, developed in partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD), the Council of State Government (CSG), and the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) to support the mobility of licensed teachers. This compact creates reciprocity among participant states and reduces barriers to license portability and employment.

By passing HB0118, **Maryland can join 13 other states that have enacted this compact**. This compact will benefit teachers by:

- Eliminating barriers to teaching licensure while maintaining a high level of teaching practice.
- **Supporting military spouses in reentering the classroom and continuing their teaching career after a permanent change of station, a key goal of the MMC.**

This compact will benefit Maryland's State Department of Education by:

- Creating a compact information system that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information for relocating teachers.
- Supporting continuing public safety efforts in teacher licensure.

This bill will benefit Maryland's state teaching workforce by:

- Allowing Maryland to grant licenses efficiently and place teachers in the classroom to make an immediate impact.
- Allowing a greater level of coordination and cooperation among state licensing authorities on matters such as discipline and licensure requirements.

The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports HB0118** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Ways and Means Committee.

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We want to thank Delegate Mireku-North for sponsoring this legislation and supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,



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