



Office of the President

**Morgan State University Testimony
Dr. David K. Wilson, President**

House Bill 118 (Delegate Mireku-North, *et al.*)
Introduced during the 2024 Regular Session as HB1191
Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

January 29, 2025

Favorable

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee. We, at Morgan, thank you for the opportunity to share our position on House Bill 118. The summary of the Bill states the following: *Repealing certain provisions of law relating to Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel; providing that certain provisions of law regarding the issuance of an initial teaching certificate do not apply to certain teachers; entering into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated teachers who hold multistate licenses to teach in each member state; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; providing a certain contingency requirement; etc.*

Morgan State University is the Preeminent Public Urban Research University in Maryland, known for its excellence in teaching, intensive research, effective public service and community engagement. Morgan prepares diverse and competitive graduates for success in a global interdependent society.

The establishment of common standards across states for certification of K-12 teachers will have beneficial effects. The bill removes barriers to interstate mobility and could alleviate the differential levels of teacher shortage across states. High quality standards of teacher accreditation that are common across states might serve to reduce disparities in the learning experiences of children.

Morgan State University favors HB118.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the State in reaching a solution to support our students as we continue to grow the future and lead the world.

Sincerely,

David K. Wilson
President, Morgan State University