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To: Members of the Ways & Means Committee

From: Jim Pauli, Chair, Government Affairs Committee, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section Council

Date: February 12, 2025

Subject: HB 959

Position: **Support** the use of mediation and other binding dispute resolution processes for disputes between member states.

HB 959 creates dispute resolution mechanisms within the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association supports any ADR process to assist the parties to come to some resolution on the matters they deem important. We therefore support the use of ADR processes proposed by this bill.

The Section **supports HB 959 so far as it creates dispute resolution mechanisms and processes for disputes between states within the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.**

Should you have any questions, please contact James Pauli, Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee and Secretary of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, jim.pauli.ijs@gmail.com

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