

FAVORABLE
House Bill 325
Education – Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board –
Composition

Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment
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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 325 as amended, which would alter the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by replacing a member who is a certified nonpublic school classroom teacher with one teacher and one administrator representing the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA also represents 44 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

We appreciate the sponsor's aim of ensuring that the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) is well represented on the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. MANSEF represents State Department of Education-approved nonpublic special education schools that serve students whose needs require specialized support beyond what their public school can provide.

We appreciate the amendment to this bill designating that one MANSEF member is a certified special education teacher and one is a school administrator. Each role provides unique insight into the needs and operations of a school, and the Board will benefit from having each perspective represented. **We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 325.**