



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
House Bill 325:
Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition - Alteration**

**OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities
(MANSEF)**

**Before the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
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The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) is comprised of 70 nonpublic special education schools across Maryland. We currently serve approximately 3800 publicly funded school children with special needs and employ over 1000 teachers, clinicians, and administrators. MANSEF offers our support of House Bill 325– **Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition – Alteration.**

PSTEB is composed of 25 members and shares with the State Board of Education the authority to develop rules and regulations for the licensure of teachers and other professional personnel and they oversee the requirements for the State’s teacher preparation programs. The Governor appoints members of the PSTEB for a three-year term.

MANSEF schools are approved by MSDE and follow COMAR 13A.09.10. Therefore, our teachers are licensed by MSDE like their public school counterparts. The actions taken by PSTEB have a direct impact on the career development paths of the professionals we employ. Thereby, MANSEF representation on this Board will be very beneficial for our teachers and enhance our efforts to ensure properly credentialed and high quality individuals are serving Maryland’s special needs students.

Altering the membership of PSTEB may seem like an insignificant change; however, this simple step will allow MANSEF members to have a voice at the table and provide valuable contributions to the overall mission of PSTEB.

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