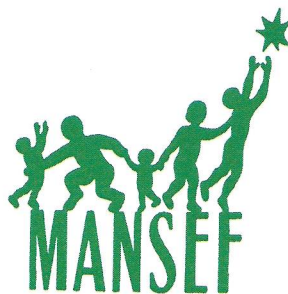


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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
House Bill 325:  
Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition - Alteration**

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

**Before the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
March 25, 2026**

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.

If you require further information please contact Dorie Flynn, Executive Director at 410-938-4413 or [mansef@aol.com](mailto:mansef@aol.com).

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

**Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment**  
**March 25, 2026**

**Lauren Lamb**  
**Government Relations**

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.**

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**Favorable – HB 325**

**Education – Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board - Composition**

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagen, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I am writing to request a favorable report on HB 325, as amended. This bill provides for the transfer of one appointed position on the Professional Standards Teaching Education Board (PSTEB) to better reflect the populations most directly impacted by its work. As amended, the bill specifies that the position will be filled by one licensed special education teacher currently providing classroom instruction, chosen from a list of three nominees submitted by the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF), and one administrator or supervisory staff member, also selected from nominees provided by MANSEF.

While the work of PSTEB rarely, if ever, impacts schools represented by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), it directly affects MANSEF schools and the students they serve. Both AIMS and MANSEF have agreed to this transfer, and letters of support from both organizations have been provided. Notably, HB 325 passed the House unanimously, reflecting broad bipartisan support for this commonsense adjustment.

Thank you for your consideration and support of HB 325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton