

FAVORABLE
Senate Bill 791
Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)

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The Maryland State Education Association supports Senate Bill 791, which prevents State and local law enforcement and correctional officers from providing information or assistance to federal immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools and community colleges, teaching and supporting our almost 900,000 K-12 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA represents more than 44 local affiliates across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Senate Bill 791 is part of several legislative initiatives that MSEA is supporting this session to lend our voice to protect students in schools and their communities. The dangerous escalation of immigration enforcement in communities across the country is an authoritarian tactic with little regard for due process and equal protection that threatens safety, civil liberties, and democratic values across the country. Students and educators are traumatized by these actions, and communities everywhere are living under fear. We see the effects in classrooms: empty seats, disrupted learning, rising fear, and growing demand for mental health support. Students cannot learn when they are afraid for their safety or the safety of their families.

Educators have a moral and professional responsibility to keep all students safe, primarily in schools, and also to advocate for safe communities for our students and their families. We believe this is more than an immigration issue. This is a human rights issue, a civil rights issue, and a democracy issue.

MSEA adds our voice to this critical moment that requires a renewed commitment to civil rights and social justice and urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 791.