



**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 10, 2026**

**SENATE BILL 693**

**CIVIL ACTIONS - CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – REPEAL OF LIMITATIONS ON ATTORNEY’S  
FEES**

**OPPOSE**

Maryland CAPE is our state’s chapter and one of 40 state chapters of the Council for American Private Education. Our network includes the Catholic, Christian, Evangelical Lutheran, Friends, Independent, Jewish, Lutheran, Montessori, Muslim, and Seventh Day Adventist school communities. We speak on behalf of the 138,000+ nonpublic school students attending over one thousand nonpublic schools across our great state of Maryland. We issue this testimony today in opposition to Senate Bill 693.

Senate Bill 693 would repeal the limitations of attorney fees in child sexual abuse cases that were enacted last year. Currently, attorneys may receive no more than twenty percent of the settlement or twenty five percent of the judgement, for claims filed after June 1, 2025. We believe that these limitations ensure that the needs and traumas of the victims of abuse are centered, rather than the financial concerns of attorneys and lawyers. We therefore wish to voice our concerns that repealing these limitations is ill-advised.

The current safeguards ensure that the recompensation goes primarily to the victims of abuse. Obviously, no amount of financial recovery can ever heal psychological wounds, but prioritizing the victims allows them to further pursue their healing, counseling, and care. We therefore respectfully request an UNFAVORABLE REPORT on Senate Bill 693.

Thank you.