



Bill No: HB444  
Title: Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition  
Committee: Judiciary  
Hearing: January 27, 2026  
Position: FAVORABLE

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The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is a statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families. MLAW's purpose is to advocate for legislation affecting women and families. To accomplish this goal, MLAW creates an annual legislative agenda with issues voted on by MLAW members and endorsed by organizations and individuals from all over Maryland. [\*\*HB444 - Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition\*\*](#) is a priority on the [\*\*2026 MLAW Agenda\*\*](#) and we urge your support.

**HB444 - Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition** aims to sunset and prohibit 287(g) agreements in the State of Maryland, which are agreements between local law enforcement agencies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that enhance collaboration in immigration enforcement activities. The recent ramping up of ICE activities in Maryland and across the country has demonstrated how this impacts women by separating families and causing stress and trauma. This legislation serves as just one counter to the expansion of ICE activities in our state.

Limiting the expansion of ICE activities in Maryland by prohibiting 287(g) collaboration with local law enforcement will serve as a counter to the federal government's deportation initiative. It will also serve to limit the further separation of families we are seeing as a result of these mass deportations.

**For these reasons, MLAW strongly urges the passage of HB444.**

## MLAW 2026 Supporting Organizations

The following organizations have signed on in support of our 2026 Legislative Agenda\*:

American Association of University Women-Anne Arundel County  
American Association of University Women-Kensington-Rockville  
American Association of University Women-Maryland  
American Association of University Women-Garrett Branch  
American Association of University Women-Howard County Branch  
Baltimore County Commission for Women  
Business and Professional Women – Montgomery County  
Bound for Better, advocates for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse  
Campaign for Eneshal Galloway at Large Candidacy  
Crabs On The Shore  
Jack and Jill of America Western Maryland Chapter  
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence  
Montgomery County Commission for Women  
National Organization for Women, Carroll County Chapter  
National Organization for Women, Montgomery County Chapter  
Postpartum Support International - Maryland  
Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.  
Postpartum Support International, Maryland Chapter  
Self-Reflections: Social-Emotional, Behavioral and Advocacy Services, LLC  
Stella's Girls, Incorporated  
SUB&S LLC  
The Heart Nest  
The Rest Of A Life (TROAL)  
Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.  
Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, Patuxent River Chapter  
Unrooted Culture  
Women's Commission for Baltimore City  
Women's Equity Center and Action Network  
Zonta Club of Annapolis

*\*As of 1/23/2026*