

**FAVORABLE**  
**House Bill 332**  
**Civil Actions – Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)**

**House Judiciary Committee**  
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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 332, which would establish certain civil liability for an individual who, under color of law, deprives another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution.

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).

In this moment, we must underscore our commitment to safeguarding democratic governance, accountability, and human rights. This bill offers a meaningful tool to resist authoritarian practices, including the expansion of unchecked law enforcement powers and the erosion of due process and civil liberties. Marylanders are facing local and nationwide escalations in dangerous immigration enforcement practices and the targeting of residents based on identity, status, or political expression. As educators, we have a moral and professional duty to stand up for the civil rights and safety of our students and communities.

**We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 332.**