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**SB 0238 - FAV**

School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact

Dear Chair [Jheanelle K. Wilkins](#), Vice-Chair [Jessica Feldmark](#), and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The Council of State Governments is partnering with the Department of War and the National Association of School Psychologists to support the mobility of school psychologists through the development of an interstate compact. This compact reduces barriers to license portability and employment for school psychologists. Participating states will be able to establish rules for granting licenses to out-of-state school psychologists while maintaining state sovereignty in the regulation of the profession, pathways to licensure, and fee collection. The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT®) is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries.

Maryland schools have approximately one psychologist for every 1,000 students. The recommended ratio is 1 per 500 students. This bill facilitates Maryland taking advantage of the aforementioned opportunities to remedy this shortage of school psychologists. Secular Maryland favors this bill over the bill that proposes to invite religious chaplains, who are inclined to introduce a sectarian, or at least a monotheist, perspective when talking to public school students and who lack the relevant training in psychology.

Respectfully,  
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