



School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact

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The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) requests a favorable report on HB0340.

The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) is the representative organization of all students enrolled in the secondary schools of AACPS, dedicated to elevating youth voice and promoting student leadership.

HB0340 allows licensed school psychologists in Maryland to be able to practice in other states within the compact, and vice versa, without separate state licenses. By joining the compact, Maryland school psychologists will be expected to meet interstate requirements in order to be eligible to practice, thereby increasing their quality of work; eliminating the need to apply for a separate state license also eliminates boundaries and will increase the quantity of available school psychologists.

HB0340 uplifts CRASC's platform and values, which explicitly supports "[i]mplementation and availability of health services to students for confidential counseling, health education, and preventive measures..." (Plank IV, A) and "[i]ncreased accessibility to and availability of school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists..." (Plank IV, B). Joining the compact enforces a strict general standard for all Maryland school psychologists, increasing quality, while also creating a more streamlined process for recruiting and hiring school psychologists between member states, increasing quantity. In turn, this increases accessibility and impact for students.

Additionally, this policy would also allow for better conflict mediation and counseling, which directly supports CRASC's Plank VI B, "B. Best practices for school safety measures to address school violence, vandalism, harassment, and bullying among students and any outside threats..."

Accordingly, the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0340 from the committee.

Thank you,

William Andrione, *Secretary of Legislation*



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