

# MSEA Legislative Priorities 2017

## ESSA: Protect Our Schools Act of 2017

- **HB 978/SB 871: Protect Our Schools Act of 2017 (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 978: **Gubernatorial Veto Override - Chapter 29**; House (90-50); Senate (32-15).
  - SB 871: **Passed** the Senate (31-15); no further action in House.

## BUDGET: current formulas, school construction, BOOST, pensions, focusing on Kirwan

- **HB 150/SB 170: Operating Budget**
  - **Passed enrolled**; House (133-7); Senate (47-0).
- **HB 1109/SB 1001: Fiscal relief for local boards of education for teacher pensions (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 1109: **Passed and Approved by the Governor**; House (139-1); Senate (33-14).
  - SB 1001: **Passed** House (136-2); **Passed** Senate (32-14)
- **HB 696/SB 849: Prohibit discrimination at nonpublic schools receiving public money (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 696: heard 2/28 in Ways & Means; SB 849: heard 2/28 in Judicial Proceedings.
  - **Bills Failed**
- **HB 1072/SB 486: State Employees and Teachers - Cash Balance Plan (MSEA: OPPOSE)**
  - HB 1072: heard 2/21 in Appropriations; SB 486: heard 2/16 in Budget & Taxation.
  - **Bills Failed**
- **HB 516/SB 581: Study to advance pre-K recommendations to Kirwan Commission (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 516: **Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) - Chapter 25**; House (102-36); Senate (41-6).
  - SB 581: **Returned passed**; Senate (41-6); House (105-34).

## LESS TESTING: testing cap, ELA moratorium

- **HB 461/SB 452: testing cap on instruction time (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 461: **Passed enrolled**; House (140-0); Senate (46-0).
  - SB 452: **Passed enrolled**; Senate (47-0); House (139-0).
- **HB 548/SB 667: ELA cannot be implemented without consulting PreK teachers (MSEA: SUPPORT)**
  - HB 548: **Passed** the House (134-1); **Passed** the Senate (44-1).
  - SB 667: **Passed enrolled**; Senate (44-1); House (137-0).

## CHARTER SCHOOLS/PRIVATIZATION: defending Maryland's charter school law; prohibiting privatization

- **HB 878/SB 704: Public Charter School Act of 2017 (MSEA: OPPOSE)**
  - HB 878: **UNFAVORABLE** from Ways and Means; SB 704: hearing canceled in EHEA.
  - **Bills Failed**
- **SB 618: Creation of a state-run "Achievement School District" (MSEA: OPPOSE)**
  - SB 618: **UNFAVORABLE** from EHEA.
  - **Bill Failed**

**TEACHER VOICE: adding teachers to the State Board of Education**

- **HB 590/SB 609: Add three teachers and two parents to the State Board of Education (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 590: heard 2/21 in Ways and Means; SB 609: heard 2/22 in EHEA.
  - **Bills Failed**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: arbitration rights, community college organizing**

- **HB 497/SB 760: Create right for teachers to go to arbitration re: discipline issues (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 497: heard 2/14 in Ways and Means; SB 760: **Passed** the Senate (32-15); no further House action.
  - **Bills Failed**
- **HB 871/SB 652: Extend collective bargaining rights to community college employees (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 871: heard 2/21 in Appropriations; SB 652: heard 3/9 in Finance.
  - **Bills Failed**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: parental consent, burden of proof and studies of special education resources**

- **HB 174/SB 710: Parental consent in IEP program (MSEA: **Monitor**)**
  - HB 174: **Passed enrolled**; House (136-0); Senate (46-0).
  - SB 710: **Returned passed**; Senate (47-0); House (138-0).
- **HB 1240: Amended to be two independent studies on special education resources (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 1240: **Passed enrolled**; House (138-0); Senate (34-0).

**COALITION EFFORTS: earned sick, MD Trust Act to limit immigration enforcement at schools**

- **HB 1/SB 230: Earned sick leave (MD Healthy Working Families Act) (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 1: **Passed enrolled**; House (87-53); Senate (29-18).
- **HB 1362/SB 835: Limit immigration enforcement at schools (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 1362: **Passed** the House (83-55); no further action in the Senate.
  - SB 835: **UNFAVORABLE** report from Judicial Proceedings
  - **Bills Failed**

**NBI ISSUES: suspension moratorium, restorative practices, whistleblower protection**

- **HB 425/SB 651: PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade suspension moratorium (MSEA: **SUPPORT with Amendments**)**
  - HB 425: **Passed enrolled**; House (89-47); Senate (34-11).
  - SB 651: **Returned passed**; Senate (32-15); House (94-44).
- **HB 1287: Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 1287: **Passed enrolled**; House (140-0); Senate (44-2).
- **HB 1145: Whistleblower protections for school employees (MSEA: **SUPPORT**)**
  - HB 1145: **Returned passed**; House (139-0); Senate (36-0).

*For a synopsis, list of sponsors, policy/fiscal note, or full text of any bill, please visit [www.mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov).*

Connect with us.