

**Testimony in Support of House Bill 251 with Amendment
Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems – Obsolete Reemployment
Provisions**

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The Maryland State Education Association appreciates the Joint Committee on Pensions' effort to clean up the state code and remove outdated references. While the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is now obsolete, it was superseded with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. Both pieces of federal legislation served to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Therefore, MSEA respectfully requests an amendment that replaces references to No Child Left Behind to the underlying Elementary and Secondary Education Act, so the door can remain open for teachers who want to work in schools that need improvement during retirement.

MSEA requests an amendment to House Bill 251 as follows:

a public school that:

- A. [is not making adequate yearly progress or] is a school in need of improvement as defined under the federal **[No Child Left Behind Act of 2001] ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT** and as implemented by the State Department of Education;
- B. is receiving funds under Title 1 of the federal **[No Child Left Behind Act of 2001] ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT**;
- C. } has more than 50% of the students attending that school who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals established by the United States Department of Agriculture

The amendment should appear in the following places:

- On page 2 starting with line 23
- On page 3 starting with line 13
- On page 4 starting with line 5
- On page 5 starting with line 22
- On page 6 starting with line 10
- On page 7 starting with line 3

MSEA respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 251 with this amendment.