



Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 241
Annapolis, MD 21401

Bill: House Bill 970 – Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Position: Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland School Psychologists' Association (MSPA), a professional organization representing about 500 school psychologists in Maryland. We advocate for the social-emotional, behavioral, and academic wellbeing of students and families across the state.

This letter is to provide support for House Bill 970. This bill enters Maryland into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), which is an interstate compact designed to facilitate telepsychology and temporary in-person psychology practice across state lines. PSYPACT is governed by a commission which operates under structured bylaws and regulations. MSPA supports this bill because it allows for an increase in access to highly qualified mental health providers and the high quality interventions they provide.

MSPA supports HB 970 and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please contact us at legislative@mspaonline.org, or Rachael Faulkner at rfaulkner@policypartners.net or (410) 693-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Potter'.

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