



Bill: HB 373

**Title: Education - Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention –
Hiring Emergent Employees**

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Position: Support

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The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) representing 70 nonpublic special education schools across Maryland supports House Bill 373. MANSEF members currently serve approximately 3800 publicly funded school children and employs over 2500 teachers, clinicians and administrators.

Education Article 8-404 section (c) states that “The standards for the education of a child with a disability who is enrolled in a school that is operated by an agency other than a local school system may not be lower than the standards for the education of a child with a disability who is enrolled in a school that is operated by a local school system.”

MANSEF believes that safety is paramount for the students we serve. We are appreciative of the flexibility presented by this bill to hire emergently pending the review of background records. We will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of the students enrolled in the nonpublic special education schools.