

**Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 905
State Retirement and Pension System – Investment Management Fees**

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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 905, which requires the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to disclose more information related to fees, expenses, and carried interest.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our 896,837 students for careers and jobs of the future. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3 million-member National Education Association (NEA).

House Bill 905 would bring more transparency to the State Retirement and Pension System and builds on past legislation to make the System more transparent. This transparency will help stakeholders have a full understanding of the fees and other expenses charged and allow the Trustees to make the best choices for educators, state employees and others in the system. This information can help the Trustees determine if the fees charged are appropriate given the returns of those alternative investment vehicles. This bill also only applies to new contracts after January 1, 2023, so no current contracts will be affected.

For those reasons, MSEA urges a favorable report on House Bill 905.