

**Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 361
Income Tax – Carried Interest – Additional Tax**

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The Maryland State Education Association supports Senate Bill 361, which closes a tax loophole for hedge fund managers.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees 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).

MSEA supports passage of an adequate, sustainable, predictable revenue stream that will adequately fund both the operating and construction costs of our public schools. A great public school for every child means our students have updated technology, small manageable classes, safe and modern schools, proper healthcare and nutrition, and have highly qualified and highly effective educators. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future outlines improvements to access to Pre-K and Career Technology Education, as well as expansion of the educator workforce and increased salaries to help deliver individualized instruction and recruit and retain the best workforce in the country.

Implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future with fidelity and making up for the learning loss, and social-emotional and behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will take considerable resources. Thanks to the tough decisions this committee has made in the past, the Blueprint's state contributions are funded into FY27. The estimated \$50 million per year generated from the implementation of this bill could help fund the Blueprint in the out-years and ensure Maryland's public schools meet our expectations. SB 361 is part of that funding solution.

MSEA urges a Favorable Report on Senate Bill 361.