



**HB1273 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT - COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HOSPITALS - POLICIES**

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County opposes **HB1273 Immigration Enforcement - County Boards of Education, Public Institutions of Higher Education, and Hospitals - Policies**. This bill requires each hospital, public institution of higher education, and each local board of education to establish and publish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their respective premises to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and State law based on guidelines developed by the Attorney General. The Attorney General must consult with appropriate stakeholders to develop these policies on or before December 31, 2019.

While well-intentioned, the legislation, as drafted, infringes upon local board authority to determine policies, and has the potential to negatively impact human trafficking investigations where federal immigration personnel are integral in the law enforcement strategy. In terms of interrogation or arrest of students on school property, existing federal and State laws and regulations already govern these actions. In addition, AACPS has policies and regulations in place regarding student interrogation and arrests, search and seizure, students charged with community offenses, gang and gang-like activities, and others that align with State and federal requirements. Finally, in accordance with the Supreme Court's holding in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), AACPS does not collect or inquire about the citizenship status of our students, or engage in any form of immigration enforcement. Accordingly, the requirement to establish a new policy regarding immigration enforcement is unnecessary.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1273.