

**BILL:** Senate Bill 83  
**TITLE:** Public Safety - School Safety Enforcement Fund  
**DATE:** January 26, 2016  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**COMMITTEE:** Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's boards of education, supports Senate Bill 83.

MABE strongly supports the core mission of the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund, and supports the reasonable expansion of the purposes of the fund proposed in this legislation.

Since 2000, the Governor and General Assembly have supported maintaining a fund to support law enforcement efforts to ensure the safety of our students riding - and boarding and exiting - school buses across the state every school day. Local boards of education appreciate the General Assembly's longstanding support for this fund used to support law enforcement actions against reckless drivers who threaten the safety of our students.

Senate Bill 83 would not only maintain this fund, but also introduce flexibility to allow grant applications to include additional school safety-related purposes. Similarly, the bill would expand grant eligibility beyond law enforcement agencies to include local school systems.

For these reasons, MABE requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 83.