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# Briefing on Disproportionate Discipline in Maryland Schools

#### **Hosted By:**

The Maryland Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

#### **Date/Time/Location:**

Friday, August 24, 2018 9: 00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m. (open session to follow)

#### Morgan State University

Murphy Fine Arts Center Recital Hall 2201 Argonne Dr. Baltimore, MD 21251

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Phone: 1-202-376-7533 Fax: 1-202-376-7548 Online: www.usccr.gov The Maryland Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting to examine the discipline, suspension, and expulsion rates for students of color and students with disabilities. The federal data show disproportionate exclusions nationwide for both groups in suspensions, expulsions, and arrests. Data show that this disproportionality remains a serious concern in Maryland schools.

The Committee will look at what, if any, effective services are in place to address disability-related behaviors, whether disciplinary policies or practices are applied in a discriminatory manner against students of either or both groups, and what strategies are most effective to remedy disproportionate discipline.

Invited presenters include school officials, advocates, students and parents, community leaders, and other experts.

The Committee will also hear brief statements during the public comment session as time allows.

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