



**HB1468 EDUCATION - STUDENT BEHAVIOR - PARENT NOTICE AND REQUIRED COUNSELING
(PARENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1468 Education - Student Behavior - Parent Notice and Required Counseling (Parent Accountability Act)**. This bill makes it unlawful for a parent/guardian who is notified regarding their child's violent and disruptive behavior by a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with the child. A parent/guardian convicted of failing to seek and participate in the required counseling may be ordered by the court to perform community service. A public school must provide written notification to a parent or guardian of a child who engages in two or more incidents of violent or disruptive behavior on school premises or during school-related activities during a school year.

This legislation deviates from State Board of Education regulations and guidelines regarding student discipline. State regulations, which have the force of law, now establish the terms and conditions governing student discipline policies in local school systems. We believe that current State statute and regulations, in conjunction with AACPS policies, effectively govern responses to student conduct without imposing the mandatory criminal reporting of student conduct proposed in this legislation.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1468.