

I oppose the creation of a homeschool council within the Maryland State Board of Education. Homeschoolers are autonomous and this advisory council seeks to lump them into the state education system, which I do not think is a good idea.

There are no provisions in this bill to address only the concerns of homeschoolers. This leaves things open to the committee being used to harass homeschoolers by non-supportive persons.

I do not see how the committee can adequately represent homeschoolers when I haven't seen an effort for the proponents to reach out to ALL homeschoolers in the state. There is also no mechanism in place, that I know of, that would allow for ensuring the representatives to fairly represent homeschoolers and only homeschoolers (as the committee's purpose seems to suggest).