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I am writing in opposition of HB0119, County Boards of Education - Curriculum Guides and Courses of Study – Requirements

Background: I am a lifetime Maryland Resident and graduate of Anne Arundel County public schools and the University of Maryland in College Park. I love Maryland from the Ocean, to the Bay, to the Mountains.

HB0119 in my opinion places a lot of control centralized in one individual, the State Superintendent of the State Board of Education. Our state for as long as I remember always leaned on the side of distributed control and responsibility. Alleghany is different than Frederick, which is different than Montgomery, which is different than Queen Anne's, ... (you get my point).

Why the need for this strict control by an individual at the State level?

I did hear the current State Superintendent state during his testimony at the House Committee on of his reasons for wanting the framework in Statute. **He was tired of getting requests to modify the framework and it would make his job easier if he could just say, it's the law and you must go to the Legislature to change it.** I was stunned/floored to hear such a thing from a man in such an important position.

Please vote to oppose HB0119 to keep the framework management at the Board of Education and some semblance of control and responsibility at the County Boards