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Written Testimony for SB0199

SB0199: UNFAVORABLE

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish a method by which a parent or guardian may opt out of certain topics, subject to certain requirements; etc.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2023RS/bills/sb/sb0199F.pdf>

I have an Unfavorable position with the Bill as written but if it were amended to include an Opt-IN or Opt-OUT for parents I would support it. I believe a parent knows best when their child is ready for certain topics related to sexuality.

Best,

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