

Dear Senate members:

As a parent of 7-year-old I am appalled at HB0119. I urge the Senate to hold HB0119 in committee and, if necessary, send it for interim study for a reasonable resolution to allow local elected boards of education to exercise local flexibility to alter State curriculum guidelines to meet the needs and values of their school districts.

Individual counties must not have their autonomy revoked. This type of overreach is unacceptable to parents. Parents have an elected school board to avoid this type of State overreach.

“Requiring each county board of education to follow the policy and guidelines for program instruction for public schools established by the State Board of Education; requiring the Superintendent to notify a county board if it is determined that the county board is not following every element of the policy and guidelines; authorizing the Superintendent to withhold 10% of the funds budgeted for the county board if the board fails to resolve any discrepancy identified by the Superintendent within 30 days; etc.” This bill appears to be written with an agenda to subvert parent input at the county level. Withholding 10% of funds to non-compliant counties is nothing but extortion.

I strongly oppose SB0199.

Sincerely,

Victoria Harvey