

Bill HB119/ SB199

County Boards of Education Curriculum Guides & Courses of Study

Education, Energy, Environmental Committee

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Oppose this bill for the following reasons:

Parents have the ultimate authority over their children...not the school system. Parents must have the right to have their children "opt out" of units of instruction. Opinion, political ideology, and highly inappropriate sexual content is being taught in the classrooms under the guise of education. EVERY child should be accommodated if "equity" and "equality" is truly the ideal promoted in the school. Parents must have the right to demand alternative assignments when curriculum and assignments do not align with their family's values. This would not be an issue if the school system would stop the political activism which is only creating distrust, resentment, division and hate. Parents send their children to school to gain the tools needed so that one day they can get a good job and be a functioning member of society, can communicate and critically think for themselves.

Local BOE must have some level of autonomy and flexibility to alter state curriculum guidelines to meet the needs and values of their school district.

A small select group of people in the school administration do not have the right to have supreme authority over one's children. We do not live in an authoritarian country where that is common practice. The rights of parents must be respected and upheld.

Why would you shove this bill down the throats of local BOE and parents if it weren't for a politically motivated agenda? The state BOE should stay in their lane by only recommending not dictating specific instructional guidelines and providing material from which to choose.