Oppose HB 119

- Bill gives the State Dept. of Education control of educating students in topics that should be under parental control. Yes, the regulations are to be generated by each county board of education but they must meet the State requirements. It looks like local control but that is a deception

- Parents will be allowed to "opt out" under unspecified conditions but they should have the decision to "opt in". Parental control of sensitive issues is being taken away.

- Even if the parent "opts-out", the county (read the state) will require alternative education.

- The bill talks about age-appropriate sex education but who determines what is age appropriate...not the parent.

- Parents cannot opt-out of HIV and AIDS prevention. Sounds good but what means of prevention will be taught to the students?

- Cannot trust the State not to disguise teaching sexual perversion, gender dysphoria, etc. under the guise of mental and emotional health, family life and human sexuality, health promotion, etc.