

## HB1386 – UNFAVORABLE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

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Since freedom of speech is still part of our First Amendment of the Constitution, claiming acts of Anti-Semitism is violating those first amendment rights. Providing training then specifically regarding anti-semitism is simply supporting the unconstitutional censorship that is occurring today and will be pushed into the future with legislation of this nature.

It would be much better and more thorough to teach the Constitution and specifically the First Amendment! Then teach the Maryland Constitution as well! This would then provide the education of what is freedom of speech and what is not. But interestingly every time there is an opportunity to teach the Constitution(s) in our public schools it gets turned down.

Consider teaching the Constitution!!

In addition the whole reason we have what is considered anti-anything is due to a lack of accurate and specific communication. Most people do not have the skillset to communicate concisely and successfully. And they simply lump individuals into a group and blame the group. Again here is an opportunity to teach general to specific communications skills (which I learned in college) and some morals as well, instead of making it specific to Semitism or other religions.

I oppose this bill as it is on the fringe of teaching censorship and specifically censorship of those speaking out regarding their religious beliefs, which happen to be counter to other's religious beliefs.

I pray for an unfavorable report!

Thank you.

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