

**UNFAVORABLE**  
**House Bill 1430**  
**Education – Public Schools – Parents’ Rights**

**House Ways and Means Committee**  
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The Maryland State Education Association opposes House Bill 1430, which relates to the information and communication provided by a local school system to the parents of child in public school about education and school-related topics.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland’s public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Many of the requirements in this bill are already in place; for example, information about attendance, report cards, and other elements of a child’s academic progress are available to families. We are troubled by this bill’s attempt to create an opt-out from HIV prevention education, something which is currently not permitted. While we appreciate efforts to promote information about college and career readiness standards, we are also concerned that this bill seeks to extend notice requirements to an unreasonable degree by mandating that schools share extensive detail about extracurricular activities and instructional materials.

An essential piece of an educator’s role is engaging with families by dialoguing, answering questions, and sharing updates about their child’s academic progress and wellbeing. Educators and families alike want all children to receive an accurate, high-quality education that meets their

needs and allows them to pursue their dreams. When families and educators work together, we can equip our students and schools with the resources to deliver quality education that prepares every child for the future. The provisions in this legislation are unnecessary and overreaching.

**We urge the committee to issue an unfavorable report on House Bill 1430.**