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**FAVORABLE**

**SB 293 - County Board Member Antibias Training Act**

Education, Energy, and Environment

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The Maryland Legislative Jewish Caucus (MLJC), a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates, **strongly supports SB 293**, which requires members of local boards of education to complete the same comprehensive antibias training currently required for public school employees.

School board members play a crucial role in shaping educational policy and culture and should receive antibias training to better understand and address issues of bias and discrimination in our educational system.

SB 293 builds upon legislation passed in 2024 that required the Maryland State Department of Education to develop antibias training for school employees. The training is to combat the bias faced by marginalized religious minorities, and will specifically address antisemitism and Islamophobia. Such training efforts directly align with the MLJC's mission to "*combat the rising frequency of hate crimes against Jewish communities and all protected populations under the hate crimes statute.*"

School board members are not considered employees of school districts and were, therefore, not covered by the 2024 legislation. SB 293 extends this required training to school board members, ensuring that our educators and our educational leaders in Maryland have the knowledge and understanding to combat bias at all levels of our school systems.

We respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 293.