Del. Atterbeary and committee,

How dare you remove the option for parents to opt their children out of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation lessons that should not even be taught in school AT ALL?

This is not scientific, it is pure ideology, a religion if you will. I think I will push for a section in the health framework entitled "Catholicism and abortion" because that is how absurd adding this topic in a public school is. Not to mention inappropriate and downright EVIL. This ideology is toxic to our precious children. It teaches them they can be born "wrong" and to hate the bodies they were given, and the sex that, not matter what, they will be their entire life.

This is a fast way to ruin our school system, and bleed students to private/charter/homeschooling, which is fine with me, but I am sure MSDE and you do not feel the same.

STOP pushing social activism in schools. What a waste of time this bill is. Do your job and focus on real issues. I am livid about how incompetent our elected officials are.

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