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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **State Board of Education - Oversight of Curricula and Textbooks to Assure**
3 **Against Use of Nonverified Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the State Board of Education to oversee a
5 comprehensive examination of all curricula and textbooks for public schools;
6 requesting the State Board of Education to direct the placement of curricula or
7 textbooks under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the oversight
8 by the State Board of Education of curricula and textbooks in public schools.

9 WHEREAS, The people of this nation and of the State of Maryland have become
10 increasingly aware of the use of nonverified scientific information in textbooks and
11 classroom curricula; and

12 WHEREAS, Many textbooks and curricula are not designed to advance the
13 acquisition of knowledge; and

14 WHEREAS, Students should have the right to study and learn from curricula
15 that are based on sound scientific data and from textbooks written in language
16 appropriate for education that is understandable and based upon replicable data;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State
19 Board of Education is requested to oversee a comprehensive examination by county
20 school boards of all curricula and textbooks for kindergarten through grade 12, during
21 a period of public notice and comment, to determine if the curricula and textbooks are
22 specifically designed to enhance the acquisition of knowledge and are based on
23 scientific principles, concepts, and facts that are presented in language appropriate
24 for education and with clear and verifiable references and citations; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That if any curricula or textbooks are found by the State Board of
26 Education not to meet the above criteria, the State Board is requested to direct the
27 responsible county board of education to replace the curricula or textbooks with
28 curricula or textbooks that meet the above criteria; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
30 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;

- 1 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 2 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.