The Honorable Delegate Dan Cox:

I have grave concerns about the increasing policing state of schools over parental rights. I am very concerned about ensuring the right of my children to see me and spend time with me, the parent. Especially when they are sick. With the threat of mandated vaccines and longer school days. With the increased testing, lack of discipline upon certain students and extreme discipline upon others, the increased sexualization of children, and the number pf pedophiles across our Nation, this is all very concerning to me. Thank you for your service to allow me my parental right to direct their education, medical care, and upbringing. That fundamental right is not always followed by government. I send strong support for your bill HB 1242!!!

Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child; prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent's fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors; and providing the Act may not be construed to authorize a parent to cause physical or emotional harm to the parent's child."

http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb1242?ys=2020RS

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