



**HB1407 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE (RIGHT TO TEACH  
ACT OF 2020)**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

**OPPOSE**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1407 Primary and Secondary Education – Student Discipline (Right to Teach Act of 2020)**. This bill authorizes a public school teacher to send a student to the school administration, a guidance counselor, or an established de-escalation area under specified conditions related to the student’s behavior. Students sent to the school administration may be 1) placed in another classroom; 2) placed in in-school suspension; 3) placed in an alternative program; or 4) prohibited or limited from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities. If a student commits a “reportable offense” under current law, the school administration must meet with the student’s parent or guardian to develop an appropriate plan.

This legislation is unnecessary. Many of the provisions in the bill are already mandated by State law and regulations. State regulations, which have the force of law, now establish the terms and conditions governing student discipline policies in local school systems. We believe that current State statute and regulations, in conjunction with AACPS policies, effectively govern responses to student conduct without imposing the mandatory criminal reporting of student conduct proposed in this legislation.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1407.