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**SB 786 - SUPPORT**

Education - Public Schools - Curriculum Publication (Curriculum Transparency and Publication Act)

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice-Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

Secular Maryland advocates for following the consensus of the experts, defined as the people who study and investigate the empirical evidence regarding the relevant matters, when setting school curriculum, and more generally for setting government policies. Unfortunately, public opinion may sometimes be motivated by different priorities that brings it into conflict with the expert consensus. Nevertheless, the public is entitled to know what their children are being taught in public schools, and more generally what their government is doing. Accordingly, we favor this bill and also favor more generally a policy of placing public sector information on the internet to make our government and society more transparent.

Respectfully,  
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