

SB 786_Curriculum Transparency & Publication Act_UnFavorable

To Senator Mary Beth Carozza and others,

I do not support SB 786 for the following reasons:

- 1) Teachers already share their curriculums with parents on “Back to School” nights at the beginning of each semester. Public posting of their curriculums could invite scrutiny by persons and organizations who may not currently have students in those schools. What then, is the purpose for posting? One can only conclude that this could lead to interference by persons or parties not immediately associated with the schools who want to influence how specific subjects are taught or even influence which teachers are retained.
- 2)The burden for fulfilling the requirements of this bill falls squarely on the teachers alone. This would take away more time from actual teaching and could adversely affect the students (i.e.: test scores, etc.).
- 3) Specifically to Senator Carozza, Worcester County students already have a long standing history of high standardized test scores, AP test scores and graduation rates. This bill would probably have no significant impact on improving students’ performance. I assume that no significant improvement would happen in Somerset or Wicomico Counties either. Again, what is the purpose or benefit of this law if it doesn’t help the students?

I would ask you to please reconsider the detrimental effects this bill could have on the students, the teachers, the administrations and the school boards. If teaching weren’t hard enough already and since we are facing problems with teacher hiring and retention nationwide, please do not pass this bill. Teachers are doing their best to help students and should be applauded for the work they do.

Thank you for your consideration,
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