



**SB786 EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS - CURRICULUM PUBLICATION (CURRICULUM
TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLICATION ACT)**

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EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **SB786 Education - Public Schools - Curriculum Publication (Curriculum Transparency and Publication Act)**. This bill requires each public school to post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school's publicly accessible website not less than 60 days after the curriculum is approved or revised. It also requires each county board of education to ensure that public schools post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school's publicly accessible website.

This bill is unnecessary. AACPS currently publishes content standards on their public facing academic websites. The public can, at any time, go to the website and review the courses and the standards within those courses. In addition, library materials are outlined on the school system's website. Additionally, at the beginning of the year, students in middle and high school receive course syllabi for each of their courses. In elementary school, parents receive grade level curriculum letters that outline the concepts taught in the four marking periods. AACPS' new learning management system also allows parents/guardians to view their student's classroom materials. This learning management tool allows AACPS the opportunity to create a more robust school-home partnership to support all students.

As required by MSDE, the Superintendent must ensure that curricular materials are aligned to State content standards. These standards drive the creation of curricula that teachers utilize in the design of daily instruction. The authority to establish curriculum and assessments is the domain of the State Board of Education and the local boards of education, the same entities charged with researching, investigating, and evaluating both curriculum and assessments. Maintaining this authority with the State Board and local boards allows local boards of education to collaborate with the State and stakeholders to ensure that all students, schools, and school systems are held accountable.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB786.