

Dear Senator Carozza (cc. Sharon Molander)

For some reason, the window to submit a testimonial for this proposed bill was less than a day, and I wasn't able to submit this online. Hoping I can send it to you directly for it to still be considered and included:

As a parent and taxpayer in Worcester County since 2005, I fully support SB786 as full transparency is greatly needed in our local school system. Parents have a right to know what is being taught to their child(ren) in terms of overall course curriculum and required book/textbook reading. This information is already created/compiled for each course, so there is no extra work for teachers except to post it on the school website -- which could easily be delegated to another at the school if there is any concern about this overloading our teachers. I'm all about supporting the teachers as their role is difficult enough. The support of this bill has everything to do with allowing greater awareness among parents who have often felt intentionally left in the dark unless they expend great time and effort to dig this up for every class for every one of their children each semester. And even then, as a parent, I've been caught off guard by a required book that I completely disagreed with and had to make a stand after my child started reading it which embarrassed my child. Other states have already led the way on this. It's time for Maryland to step up and show their main constituents (parents & taxpayers) that they care about being transparent. We need to see real action behind the empty words.

Thank you!

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