

Ways & Means Committee - HB1287 - UNFAVORABLE

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and Ways and Means Committee Members;

Please give HB1287 an Unfavorable Report.

Once again, parents afraid of students learning the real histories of racially and culturally minoritized peoples, and about the existence of LGBTQ+ people, are attempting to find ways to ban education.

Those people should raise their children in a bunker, put them in rightwing private schools, or homeschool them in their own little bigoted circles. They should not be trying to refuse the rights of others to learn FACTS in school.

I'm disgusted by those from my generation who are pro-censorship when we're the ones who had to suffer from the actions of the PMRC, the "OMG D&D IS OF THE DEVIL!" idiots, and the clueless parents who thought that rock music would make us Satanists. Now it's "Oh No! The kids will learn that a bunch of white people really screwed up! And that America isn't perfect! And they may ask questions that I don't know how to answer! Whatever will I do?????"

Can we please not regress to the 1950s?

How about we have some curriculum designed to teach the parents to not be bigots? How about we have some curriculum to teach the parents actual history, and help them unlearn the racist and exclusionary crap that we were taught? Or how about we teach them to go back to sitting down and shutting up with their bigotry now that Trump's not in the White House anymore?

I urge an Unfavorable Report for HB1287, and every other bill designed to undermine education.

Sincerely,
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