

**Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 1122  
Public Schools - Home School Students - Extracurricular Activities (Right to  
Play Act of 2022)**

**Ways and Means  
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The Maryland State Education Association opposes House Bill 1122, which would require public schools to allow students in home instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by schools if the student meets certain criteria.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students for the careers and jobs of the future. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Public school funds are allocated on a per-pupil basis and students whose families choose to provide home instruction are not included in that calculation. This legislation would require public schools to take on additional financial responsibility and liability for students who do not participate in public schooling, and therefore do not receive funding. This approach essentially creates an unfunded mandate that would unfairly siphon funds from public school students.

**We urge the committee to issue an Unfavorable Report on House Bill 1122.**