

**Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 1287  
Public Schools - Curricula and Instructional Materials - Required List of  
Information (Curriculum Transparency Act of 2022)**

**Ways and Means  
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The Maryland State Education Association strongly opposes House Bill 1287, which would require each county board of education to direct each public school in the county to provide certain information regarding curricula and instructional materials beginning in the 2022-2023 school year and require the State Superintendent to direct the Comptroller to withhold certain funding from a county board under certain circumstances.

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).

By requiring schools to post all curricula and instructional materials, inviting public complaints, and threatening public school funding, this legislation would considerably increase educators' already-high workloads in an attempt to censor certain lessons and subjects. Children deserve an accurate, complete education, not a whitewashed history that excludes certain groups to advance a political agenda.

This legislation seeks to impose draconian requirements on schools and make truth and honesty in education a matter of political debate. To prepare for the future, children need to learn from the mistakes of the past and fully understand the present. We can achieve that by resisting censorship efforts and coming together to



adequately fund and support public schools. **We therefore strongly urge the committee to issue an Unfavorable Report on House Bill 1287.**