

Favorable Report for SB 566
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Parents deserve a seat at the table when it comes to matters that concern their children. I request a Favorable Report for SB 566.

Parents all over Maryland, as well as across the country, are requesting legislation that recognizes their fundamental parental rights. For far too long, the Teacher's Unions and other powerful special interests have held sway and have been able to heavily influence policy and curriculum. As those who exercise great influence and power often do, they go too far and overreach. We have seen this in much of the legislation being proposed in the General Assembly this session, but especially with regards to HB 119/SB 199.

When parents came to testify against HB 119, we were met by those powerful special interests that are used to having their way in the General Assembly. Many of these groups testified for a favorable report with amendment and the amendment they requested was that no opt-out option be provided for parents objecting to the controversial Health curriculum framework.

These special interests think they know better than parents. Out of an abundance of hubris, these powerful

lobbies demand parents defer to their expertise. What did the Chair of the House Ways and Means committee do when met with opposition from parents? She scrapped HB 119 completely and doubled down. Instead of just codifying the Health Curriculum, she demanded all curriculum be mandated by the Maryland State Superintendent with financial penalties if local boards refused to comply completely.

Parents are demanding to have a say in matters affecting their children's education and upbringing, and as we have seen, especially over these last 3 years, we are being ignored, gaslit and disrespected by those who control the education system and medical establishment.

Please give parents a seat at the table over matters that impact their children. I urge a favorable report to SB 566.