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House Bill 1105

In Opposition Of

Public Schools – Water Safety and Swimming Course - Established Way and Means Committee

Hearing: March 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Vice Chair, and distinguished Ways and Means Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes HB 1105 Public Schools – Water Safety and Swimming Course - Established.

It is the position of MRSPA that curriculum decisions must be the responsibility of the State and Local Boards of Education. MRSPA's Education Priority is clear: "MRSPA supports legislation designed to enhance public education and promote lifelong learning for all students. Support for public education and lifelong learning is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry. Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education."

MRSPA is not opposed to the curriculum per se. It is not the role or responsibility of the State Legislature to mandate curriculum. We urge you to allow the State and Local Boards of Education to do their due diligence in regard to curriculum.

On behalf of the over 12,000 members of The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge your opposition to and an unfavorable report on HB 1105.

Sincerely,

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