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Senate Bill 0980
In Opposition Of
Education - Computer Science - Content Standards and Requirements
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Hearing: March 6, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Senator Brian Feldman, Chair, and Honorable Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair, and distinguished Education, Energy, and Environment Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes SB 0980 - Education - Computer Science - Content Standards and Requirements.

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." However, MRSPA's position is that "curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education."

MRSPA supports promoting and increasing enrollment in computer science courses, updating computer science content, and having elementary and middle school students receive computer science instruction. However, MRSPA's position is that all decisions about curriculum related to the above fall under the purview of the State and Local Boards of Education. We urge you to allow the State and Local Boards of Education to do their due diligence regarding curriculum.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge your opposition to and an unfavorable report on SB 0980.

Sincerely,

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