

Greetings,

Below is a copy of my testimony on this Bill last year HB0119. As I still have the same to say as to why I am taking an unfavorable position.

HB0119 – 2-1-2023 testimony

Good afternoon thank you for this opportunity to provide parents perspective on the attempt to make a law requiring ALL of Maryland schools to teach every single part of this comprehensive health education framework. This framework was created by the Maryland Department of education and just update in July of 2022.

While I fully understand and respect, each person feels they are doing what is best for our children and that we won't always agree... I have to say I am completely opposed to this bill becoming law. While I still have to do a lot more digging into this framework - I did my best to educate myself about it and what it entails -

AND I am going to be honest I AM Worried. I am worried for our children- I am worried for our teachers- I am worried for our administrators- I am worried for our local communities and I am worried for our Local BOEs.

Since I only have 2 mins I can't go into details of all of my fears for each group

I will go into a little detail of the worries for our students. Speaking from a recent experience of what I saw happen at my child's local high school, I can confidently say I see and feel this bill as a breeding ground for more of our most vulnerable children to be taken advantage of. I said to myself- wow -if this happened in my child's school I am sure it would happen much more.

to provide a bit more perspective of what I am trying to convey is

Some students were being influenced inappropriately by a teacher an Adult in the name of a GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE CLUB. This teacher guided them to create utter havoc and chaos in our school. It seems the school system was able to take little or no action at first. Or maybe THEY were just scared to take action right away... my next guess is maybe and I hope is the case- is they are waiting for the outcome from the court case the Teacher took against and the State of MD is pursuing against the parent for exposing what he/her allowed in His/her classroom –

I cannot claim I know what is going on there and I hope parents find peace with some understanding soon.

My thoughts now after this experience and reading this bill is If High schoolers (our oldest) and most matured students can be taken advantage and influenced by a teacher inappropriately... what do you think will happen to Kindergartens (our youngest) and or middle schoolers (our most difficult). What about special needs kids or children with minor intellectual disadvantages. I see many advocating for special education children to be in the general population because they want others to become more mindful of individual's with these differences but I FEAR for these groups to win that battle if this Framework becomes law in Maryland.

Currently AACPS stood against the MSDE by not including gender Ideology in health curriculum in k-5th grade and now I are here fighting to stand by AACPS for this to continue.

In end

I like to take this opportunity to also provide you my testimony and perspective I gave at the Maryland Department of education meeting on Jan 24 2024. (I have copies here for you here – SHOW and PASS OUT) I also emailed to each of the committee members this testimony before I came here today.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective and input on this bill.

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