

Moms for Liberty Maryland supports HB 1027, Education - Primary and Secondary Schools - Alternative School Options (The Right to Learn Act)

Much to our shame, many schools in Maryland have been designated "one star" schools, meaning they have failed to provide an adequate education for their students. Many of these schools are in economically depressed urban areas. Others are in rural areas where resources are not readily available. Regardless of the geographic location, the children in these Maryland public schools deserve a world class education.

Our Governor, Wes Moore, recounted in his autobiography that his mother was concerned that the death of his father and the influence of the bad neighborhood they lived in would hurt his opportunities for success. So, despite his protests, his mother sent him to Valley Forge Military School. This decision gave him a chance at a positive future neither he nor his mother could have imagined at the time, one that included being the first African American Governor of Maryland.

This bill, The Right to Learn Act, would give thousands of students opportunities like Moore's, a chance to leave a failing school and attend an alternative school, a non-public school, or a military school. It would also provide their parents the information needed to make an informed decision about the best option for their child.

Moms for Liberty Maryland believes all children in Maryland's failing schools deserve the same opportunity that the Governor had. Funding this program will enable that to happen and prevent these students from being trapped in mediocrity and failure. This bill will afford these students the opportunity to meet their full potential.

Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges a Favorable Report for HB 1027.