

**BILL:** SENATE BILL 948  
**TITLE:** Children – Parental Rights – Educational Rights  
**DATE:** March 7, 2025  
**POSITION:** UNFAVORABLE  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Energy, and the Environment  
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The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the state’s local boards of education, opposes Senate Bill 948. As the voice of Maryland’s 24 local boards, MABE believes the principle of local governance by boards of education is fundamental to a sound system of public education. This bill imposes a series of local government mandates.

MABE recognizes and appreciates the intent of this legislation to involve parents in their students’ educational journeys. However, Senate Bill 948 outlines a drastic overreach of the established and professional responsibilities of educators, including: unchecked parental rights to remove their students from any unit of instruction in the classroom; parental examination of all curricula and instructional materials; and a new requirement for local school boards to appoint committees to oversee parental appeals.

MABE believes such considerations should reside with the local board and school system administration. For these reasons, MABE requests an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 948.

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