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### **Senate Bill 0916**

### **In Opposition Of**

**Education – Curriculum Standards – Requirements**

**(Educate to Stop the Hate Act)**

**Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

**Hearing: March 5, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.**

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

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes SB 0916 Education – Curriculum Standards – Requirements (Educate to Stop the Hate Act).**

We oppose this legislation mainly because the legislature should not be involved in mandating curriculum either for school systems, teachers or students. This should be the function of state and local school boards.

Although education against racism and prejudice in society is a worthy goal, we cannot condone legislators dictating curriculum. MRSPA is not opposed to comprehensive antihate education using the associated historical contexts that have led to racism and prejudice in society. This likely is already included in the statewide social studies curriculum. We suggest that legislators contact the appropriate staff at MSDE to learn what is already included in the social studies curriculum.

On behalf of the almost 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge strong opposition to SB 0916.

Sincerely,

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