



# Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

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**House Bill 0993**  
**In Opposition Of**  
**Education - Public Middle Schools –**  
**Course on Consequences of a Felony Murder Conviction**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**Hearing: February 24, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.**

Dear Honorable Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Ways and Means Committee members,

**The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes HB 0993 Education - Public Middle Schools - Course on Consequences of a Felony Murder Conviction.**

It is the position of MRSPA that curriculum decisions must be the responsibility of the State and Local Boards of Education. MRSPA's education priority is clear: *MRSPA supports legislation designed to enhance public education and lifelong learning for all students. Support for public education and lifelong learning is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry.*

MRSPA is not opposed to the curriculum per se, but it is not the role or responsibility of the State legislature to mandate curriculum. MRSPA recommends that legislators address their suggestion to the appropriate curriculum specialist at the Maryland Department of Education.

On behalf of the almost 12,000 members of MRSPA we urge your opposition to HB0993.

Sincerely,

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