

Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges an unfavorable report for HB 0627: Education – Prohibited Behavior on School Grounds and Property – Application

Restorative Justice practices are racially biased forms of disciplinary policy that seek to punish certain groups differently than other groups in the name of "equity." The institution of these sorts of DEI-based disciplinary practices into our public school classrooms has led to a marked uptick of school violence and classroom disruptions.

Moms for Liberty Maryland opposes the use of Restorative Justice practices in our public schools. This bill is another misguided attempt to enshrine more dangerous laws on the books that prevent students from being held accountable for bad behavior.

This bill puts political ideology above student safety. Allowing teachers and school officials, in coordination with parents, to make decisions on the best course for addressing student misbehavior at the local level is the common sense approach the majority of Marylanders want to see. A one size fits all approach is never a sustainable or just solution.

Experience has shown that the absence of consequences for bad behavior leads to more bad behavior, often escalating to more dangerous behavior and criminal activity. This bill is irresponsible and endangers school safety.

Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges an unfavorable report for HB 0495.