



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1323
EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS-ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY
CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT **FAVORABLE****

TO: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary Chair, Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Vice Chair and the members of the House Ways and Means Committee

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The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network, an advocacy committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, works for public policies that boldly and consistently push toward ensuring that all students have equitable access to high-quality schools. One of the core beliefs of The Episcopal Church is that we should strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. This includes respecting the dignity of every child by teaching the history of the United States including all of our history, not simply the history of Europeans in our country.

By including Asian American history in our schools' curriculum, HB1323 gives voice and substance to the part Asian Americans have played in the growth, shaping, and diversity of this country.

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network asks a favorable vote on HB1323.