

House Bill 324 - Ways and Means Committee - FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee;

We urge a favorable vote on House Bill 324, the County Board Member Antibias Training Act.

One Pasadena: Building a Safe and Inclusive Community is an anti-bigotry group that works to change the culture of intolerance in Pasadena, MD. We, the One Pasadena Steering Committee, urge you to give House Bill 324 a favorable report.

In 2023, there was a concerted effort within the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to suppress support for marginalized communities, including Black folks and the LGBTQ+ community. This ill-advised piece of policy would have accidentally suppressed support for other marginalized communities such as people with disabilities, veterans, and POW/MIA movements.

Perhaps if we require anti-bias training for Board of Education members, they can do better.

Please vote favorably on HB 324, so that our board members will have the tools they need to serve all their students.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD