

No on HB0649

There never seems to be enough money for school construction and repairs. Never enough money for services for students with disabilities. Never enough money so that our already overworked teachers can have reasonable class sizes instead of more and more students.

Does HB0649 solve any of these problems? No, it does not. In fact, it will cost substantial taxpayer money. Money that should be going to education. The Fiscal policy note says it could result in "significant increases" in costs.

Maryland offers students public schools and we spend a lot of money on them. If parents choose to send their parents to private school, that's on them. It shouldn't cost taxpayers extra money to monitor those schools.

It seems the only purpose of this bill is to harass private schools and, if possible shut them down. If some students go to private school, great! That means we can maybe lower class sizes and decrease overcrowding in our public schools.

HB0649 would make it possible for a private school student to claim "discrimination" any time they don't get an A on a test. Any time they get in trouble for bullying a classmate, Any time they are asked to do homework. Because HB0469 prohibits the school from dealing with the student in a reasonable logical manner. Instead, it drags the state into the private school, at taxpayer expense, presuming the school guilty.

This is not a reasonable solution. Don't waste our tax money on HB0649. Please give it an unfavorable report.