

Oppose HB0649 – Advancing Equal Educational Opportunities for All Students in Maryland

Dear Chair and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I am writing to respectfully oppose HB0649. While discrimination should never be tolerated and all students should be treated fairly, this bill creates additional legal liability and opens the door to more lawsuits against educational institutions rather than focusing on improving education for all students.

Schools and educational institutions are already subject to federal and state anti-discrimination laws. This bill adds another layer of enforcement and potential litigation that could divert funding and attention away from classrooms, teachers, and students and instead toward legal costs and compliance requirements.

Our focus should be on improving academic performance, supporting teachers, and ensuring safe learning environments for all students rather than expanding government enforcement and legal action.

For these reasons, I respectfully request an unfavorable report on HB0649.

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