

**HB 1202**  
**Public Schools - Content Standards, Curriculum, and Bullying**  
**Policies-Culture and History of Palestine**  
**In Opposition of**

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes HB 1202.

It is the responsibility of the Maryland State Board of Education to develop standards for social studies. These standards are easily accessible on the Maryland State Department of Education website.

This bill suggests specific standards related to the history of Palestine and suggests that a more in-depth study of the history and culture of Palestine may result in less bullying, harassment, or intimidation of those coming from this area of the world.

Since these are valid concerns, it might be helpful in the future to address these concerns directly to the Maryland State Department of Education as suggestions for future curriculum revision.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of MRSPA, we urge your opposition to HB 1202.



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