

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 7-23

Introduced by Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, March 20, 2023

1 RESOLUTION urging the Maryland General Assembly to oppose House Bill 119 and
2 any amendments to conform Senate Bill 199 to State House Bill 119

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4 WHEREAS, the authority to establish curriculum and assessments is the domain of
5 the State Board of Education and the local boards of education; and

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7 WHEREAS, the relationship between the State Board and local boards allows for
8 collaboration between the State, local boards, and stakeholders to ensure that all
9 students, schools, and school systems are held accountable; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State Board has established standards and graduation requirements
12 and local boards implement locally developed curriculum to ensure that standards
13 are met and students are prepared to meet graduation requirements; and

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15 WHEREAS, House Bill 119, as amended, mandates that local school systems
16 follow every element of the policy and guidelines for program instruction
17 established by the State Board; and

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19 WHEREAS, House Bill 119, as amended, requires that in establishing curriculum
20 guides and courses of study each local board follows the policy and guidelines for
21 the program of instruction for public schools established by the State Board; and

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23 WHEREAS, if the State Superintendent determines that a local board is not
24 following every detail of the State standards, HB 119, as amended, establishes a
25 process for the State Superintendent to withhold millions of dollars in State
26 education funding; and

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28 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County Public Schools is also opposed to House Bill
29 119, as amended, and the elimination of local decision-making authority in
30 developing curriculum, assessments, and instructional programs in collaboration
31 with the State Board; now, therefore, be it

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33 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
34 *opposes House Bill 119, as amended, and any amendments to conform Senate Bill 199 to*
35 *State House Bill 119; and be it further*

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37 *Resolved, That the County Council supports Anne Arundel County Public Schools’*
38 *opposition to House Bill 119, as amended; and be it further*

1 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair of
2 the Education, Energy, and the Senate Environment Committee; Delegate Vanessa E.
3 Atterbeary, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; Senator Bill Ferguson,
4 President of the Senate; and Delegate Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of
5 Delegates.

READ AND PASSED this 3rd day of April, 2023.

By Order:



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 7-23 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Peter I. Smith
Chair