# BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY <br> INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT <br> DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 119 

Regarding County Boards of Education

Curriculum Guides and Courses of Study - Requirements
March 27, 2023

## Background Information:

House bill 119 (HB119), cross-filed with Senate bill 199 (SB199), was initially filed with a focus on state-guided health curriculum. With amendments, the bill now requires each county board of education in Maryland to follow the policy and guidelines for not only health curriculum, but for all program instruction for public schools established by the Maryland State Board of Education. This removes local control of curriculum.

As amended, the bill provides the Maryland State Superintendent with the ability to notify a county board if the State Superintendent determines that the county board is not following every element of the policy and guidelines as set forth by the State Superintendent. The bill authorizes the State Superintendent to withhold $10 \%$ of the funds budgeted for the county board if the board fails to resolve any discrepancy identified by the State Superintendent within 30 days.

Full details on the bill can be found on the Maryland General Assembly website, or by clicking here.

## Discussion:

Board members will review the impacts of the amended bill on Harford County Public Schools students and staff.

## Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education review and finalize a letter to be sent to state legislators to share the Board's feedback and position on the bill.

