

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2022 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Joint Resolution 7 (Senator Ready, *et al.*)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Support of Parents' Rights to Bring Grievances to County Boards of Education**

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This joint resolution establishes the General Assembly's support for the rights of parents to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and petition the government, including local boards of education, on any topic while strongly condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The joint resolution does not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** The joint resolution does not directly affect local government finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** As stated in the preamble, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees, in part, "the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." However, generally, the government may impose some limitations on assembly rights such as enacting reasonable "time, place, and manner" restrictions if they are designed to further legitimate regulatory objectives.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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