



**HB1122 PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
(RIGHT TO PLAY ACT OF 2022)**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1122 Public Schools - Home School Students - Extracurricular Activities (Right to Play Act of 2022)**. This bill requires each public school to allow students in home instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school if the student participates in a home instruction program under written agreement with the county superintendent, is eligible to attend the public school, and meets and complies with the public school's requirements for participating in the extracurricular activity.

AACPS opposes aid to private schools or additional supports for students receiving home instruction in any manner, whether through textbooks, transportation, technology purchases, or any other means. More specifically, AACPS opposes legislation mandating that public schools accommodate private or students receiving home instruction enrolled in academic or extracurricular programs offered in public schools. The district also opposes the use of public school funding that does not support public school education. Children receiving home instruction are not held to the same accountability standards as students enrolled in public schools. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) Standards of Conduct clearly prohibit nonpublic school students, including students receiving home instruction, from participating in any public school sports programs. Allowing a student receiving home instruction to participate in public school extracurricular activities, including sports, creates inequities between those students enrolled in public school and those receiving home instruction as public school students must meet certain academic and behavioral standards to be eligible for extracurricular activities.

It is also important to note that school systems do not receive any federal, State, or local funding for students receiving home instruction. Allowing such students to participate in extracurricular activities amounts to an unfunded mandate as AACPS would be required to cover the costs of equipment, uniform, materials, resources, coaching for these students. AACPS also opposes unfunded mandates.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1122.