

HB 1072: Education - Primary and Secondary Schools - Alternative School Options (Right to Learn Act): Please SUPPORT this bill!!!

Dear Ways and Means Committee Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins and all other esteemed Committee Members:

Regardless of anyone's politics, this is a great bill!!! It gives children in failing schools a chance to attend a school that is not failing!! This is a huge step forward to helping our children receive an outstanding education!! Our children deserve the best education that the State of Maryland has to offer. This bill gives our children that opportunity!!

I like the wording that children and their parents have the choice of an alternative school, a boarding school or a military boarding school. And I like that this bill creates the Broadening Options and Opportunities For Students Today Program, which will provide scholarships for some students!! And I **especially** like the fact that each County Board of Education is required to provide a list of available military boarding school options to the parent or legal guardian AND that the bill requires each local school system to pay for the student to attend a military boarding school.

This bill gives our children more options and opportunities for their education and their success in life!!

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in SUPPORTING this bill!!!

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