



**SB695 EDUCATION - COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM - SKIN CANCER**

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EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**OPPOSE**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **SB695 Education - Comprehensive Health Education Program - Skin Cancer**. This bill requires, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, each local board of education provide age-appropriate instruction on skin cancer as part of the comprehensive health education program.

AACPS opposes efforts by the General Assembly to legislate local public school curriculum or assessments. The authority to establish curriculum and assessments is the domain of the State Board of Education and the local boards of education, the same entities charged with the responsibility to research, investigate, and evaluate both curriculum and assessments. Maintaining this authority with the State Board and local boards allows local boards of education to collaborate with the State and stakeholders to ensure that all students, schools, and school systems are held accountable.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on SB695.