

Dear Delegate,

I am writing concerning the passage of House Bill 1442. As it now reads the passage this bill would lead to a massive decline in fine arts electives offered in any school.

The idea of two sequential electives in any field of study is attractive to any student and parent. To limit the choices of students in a good comprehensive high school to two sequential electives in only technical and practical arts would do a major disservice to the future population of the state. The arts would suffer because of the lack of introduction, training and presentation of finished products in a school environment. Students would not have the chance for guided study of any art form that would prepare them for oral presentations, media and rehearsed presentation.

Please send this bill away for further study so that all arts are included, not just the technical and practical arts mentioned in the bill. A well rounded student must be able to participate in numerous activities to educate the whole person.

Do not let this bill out of committee. You don't want to be the destroyer of FINE ARTS in the Commonwealth's schools and later in their communities.

Sincerely,