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Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE****Revised**

Senate Joint Resolution 2 (Senator Harris)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**American Patriotism in Maryland Schools**

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This joint resolution urges local boards of education to develop and institute a curriculum designed to instill in students a sense of patriotism and awareness of the sacrifices made by veterans of the United States armed forces.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Local boards of education that elect to participate in this effort could develop an appropriate curriculum with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Each local board of education establishes the curriculum, subject to State laws and regulations, for public schools in its system. State regulations (COMAR 13A.04.08) require local school systems to provide social studies programs for all students through eighth grade and to offer social studies programs for students in ninth through twelfth grades.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** A similar joint resolution was introduced in 2001 as SJ 9. The resolution passed in the Senate but received an unfavorable report from the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

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