



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB1157  
TITLE: Education - Student Grades - Purposeful Misrepresentation  
DATE: 2/28/2020  
POSITION: OPPOSE  
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** HB1157.

This bill is consistent with guidance currently outlined in Regulation IKA-RA Grading and Reporting which states, “The Office of School Support and Improvement (OSSI) and OCIP collaboratively implement procedures established by the chief academic officer to implement Montgomery County Board of Education Policy IKA, Grading and Reporting, including review and/or modification of grades.” The regulation establishes measures for schools and central office in the implementation and monitoring of grade changes, including evidence to support grade changes, timeline for grade changes, and a two-step review of changes at the local school and central office. However, the implication that a student could be charged with a crime and imprisoned is contrary to Montgomery County Public Schools’ practice of restorative justice.

For these reasons, the Board **opposes** this legislation and urges an unfavorable report.