



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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850 Hungerford Drive ♦ Room 123 ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB0048 (Crossfiled with SB0515)
TITLE: Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Entry Onto School Property
DATE: 1/28/2021
POSITION: OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **Opposes** HB0048.

This bill requires a student who is a registered sexual offender to either attend homeschool or a regional institute for children or adolescents. The student will not be able to attend public school. School systems are required to write a policy to ensure the registrant continues to be educated in a manner not on school property. The State Board should write regulations and offer a “model policy”.

MCPS opposes this bill as it is an infringement on local autonomy. The Board of Education’s annual legislative priorities, approved on November 20, 2020, specifically includes a category of respect. Respect to MCPS means allowing decisions about how students are educated, to the locally elected School Boards.

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