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HB 825 SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation ASSIGNED TO: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Montgomery County – Residential Property Advertisements and Sales – School District Information MC 20–20

House Bill 825 prohibits a licensed real estate broker, licensed associate real estate broker, or licensed real estate salesperson from including the name of a school district in an advertisement for sale or rent for any residential property located in Montgomery County. The State Real Estate Commission is required to enforce this provision and is authorized to receive complaints, conduct investigations, issue subpoenas, and hold hearings.

The bill also requires that a "Notice to Home Buyer Regarding Montgomery County School Districts" be included in all sale contracts for single family residential real property in Montgomery County. The buyer is required to initial the notice acknowledging that the Montgomery County Public School districts and boundaries are subject to change at any time.

The County Executive supports House Bill 825 with the amendments approved by the House Delegation striking the language prohibiting the inclusion of school information in the advertisements.