



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** SB0367 (Cross filed with HB0277)  
**TITLE:** State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach  
**DATE:** 3/3/2020  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0367 **with an amendment**.

Senate Bill 0367 contains the same language as House Bill 0256 did in 2019. The one difference is that SB0367 added in a clause that the Governor would include an appropriation of at least \$300,000 in the state budget for the program. This was one of the amendments requested by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in 2019.

SB0367 aligns with MCPS' Be Well 365 initiative which includes trauma-informed practices as a necessary component.

MCPS again requests that language be added to clarify that any suggested training be mindful of requirements on staff members whose core mission remains the education of our youth.

For these reasons, the Board **supports** this legislation **with an amendment** and urges a favorable report.