



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SB0868
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COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0868 **with amendments**.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) supports the goals of Apprenticeship Maryland 2030 and funds for local workforce development boards for implementing ASVAB results partnership or the creation of a system that will allow for the release of ASVAB scores and personal student information.

However, per Kirwan recommendations, SB0868 seeks to remove oversight of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs from under MSDE and create a new and separate CTE committee under the Maryland Department of Labor (MDOL). Separating the academic and career oversight may create a bifurcated system reminiscent of the historic vocational and college tracks. The creation of dual oversight of educational programs (i.e. MSDE with academic/college and MDOL with career/industry) also creates concerns related to equity for all students. Furthermore, SB0868 does not align to the Carl D. Perkins grant. It changes oversight of the Perkins grant to a newly formed committee under MDOL while excluding college options and opportunities associated with CTE programs and Perkins. With over a thousand students completing CTE programs each year (and growing), the establishment of a 100% goal by 2030 of high school students “completing CTE programs with a apprenticeship or industry recognized occupational credential” should also include programs that have postsecondary or college credentials.

To this end, MCPS respectfully requests two amendments:

- 1- Allow MSDE to maintain oversight of the CTE program.
- 2- Include programs that have postsecondary or college credentials.

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