



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB0548
TITLE: Career and Technology Education - Training in Soft Business Skills
DATE: 2/14/2020
POSITION: OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** HB0548.

MCPS recognized the importance of incorporating professional skills/competencies (formerly referred to as 'soft skills') into our curriculum at all levels, including career and technical education programs.

MCPS has worked with higher education institutions in Montgomery County and have adopted the research based National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) professional competencies for integration across the academic continuum.

The Board believes that curriculum decisions are and should remain, the purview of local boards of education.

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