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TO: The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: House Bill 1207, *Montgomery County - Board of Education – Student Member
Compensation MC 7-25*

Support

Under current State law, the Student Member of the Montgomery County Board of Education is currently entitled to receive a scholarship for higher education expenses equal to the highest annual resident undergraduate tuition, fees, and room and board that is charged at a four-year public higher education institution within the University System of Maryland. However, State law also places a \$25,000 cap on compensation for the Student Member of the Board (SMOB). The SMOB serving for the 2024-2025 school year is subject to the cap and will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

The bill maintains the current SMOB compensation amount discussed above but gives the student discretion to choose all or some of the compensation as a monthly stipend.

I support the bill and respectfully request that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee issue a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee