



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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15 West Gude Drive ♦ Suite 100 ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB 1264

TITLE: Public Schools - Mathematics Credit - College Preparatory Computer Science or Computer Programming Course

DATE: March 5, 2025

POSITION: Oppose

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 1264.

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education to permit a student who is enrolled at a public high school to satisfy part of the mathematics graduation requirement by completing a credit in a college preparatory computer science or computer programming course.

On September 26, 2024, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a legislative platform that contains priority issues and ongoing concerns. One of the ongoing concerns is preserving local autonomy. Based on this platform position, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes legislation that would infringe on local control. Bills that fall into this category require specific school system action and may impact areas such as school calendars, school start times, curriculum, testing, procurement, and other operational decision-making.

House Bill 1264 infringes on local control because it requires an alteration to the established courses that can be used to satisfy current graduation requirements. Montgomery County Board of Education sees value in Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland State Board of Education reviewing the graduation requirements as a whole, but does not support attempts to force change, legislatively, to portions of the existing graduation requirements or the courses that are eligible to satisfy them. As a result, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 1264.