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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**  
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Board of Education - Public Hearings on**  
3 **Transportation of Students**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to hold a  
5 public hearing whenever it meets to take action relating to the transportation of  
6 students; requiring that certain notice be given of certain hearings; requiring  
7 that certain individuals be given the opportunity to testify and present their  
8 views at certain hearings; and generally relating to the Montgomery County  
9 Board of Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 3-903  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Education**

18 3-903.

19 (a) All actions of the County Board shall be taken [after] AT a public meeting,  
20 the record of which shall be made public.

21 (b) This section does not prohibit the County Board from meeting and  
22 deliberating in executive session provided that all action of the Board, together with  
23 the individual vote of each member, is contained in a public record.

24 (C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY  
25 BOARD MUST HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING WHENEVER IT MEETS TO TAKE ACTION  
26 RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS.

1           (2)       THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON AT LEAST 10 DAYS' NOTICE,  
2 PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE  
3 COUNTY.

4           (3)       ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 TESTIFY AND PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AT THE HEARING.

6       [(c)]   (D)       The affirmative vote of the members of the County Board for the  
7 passage of a motion by the County Board shall be:

8           (1)       5 members when the student member is voting; or

9           (2)       4 members when the student member is not voting.

10       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2000.