



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SB0418 (Cross filed with HB1552)  
TITLE: Education Savings Account Program - Established  
DATE: 2/12/2020  
POSITION: STRONGLY OPPOSE  
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **strongly opposes** HB0418.

This bill would establish a savings account program for parents to use who may choose to send their child to a private school, rather than the available public school. Local county governments would be required to put aside funds for the individual students passed on the current foundational per pupil student amount. Local school systems would be responsible for transportation for any students who requested it.

This bill would potentially have a large fiscal impact with loss of funds to public schools as well as the school system's obligation to provide transportation costs (\$13K per student).

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