



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** SB0562  
**TITLE:** Public Schools - Flexible Instructional Days - Policy Requirements  
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**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0562.

This bill provides authorization for local boards to develop a policy for flexible instruction that could count as regular days of instruction in the event of emergency closures. This flexibility could be useful for MCPS and the Board of Education to consider as an option for the future. In order to develop and implement a policy, many practical and operational considerations would need to be addressed, including technology support for students and staff, instructional requirements, and impact on the negotiated agreements.

Due to these variables, it is difficult to know the future impact. The bill, however, only provides the flexibility and possibility of such an approach, and therefore, is a potentially useful tool for local jurisdictions to consider

For these reasons, the Board **supports** this legislation and urges a favorable report.