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BILL: SB0572 (Cross filed with HB0522)
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0572.

The act will require the State Board of Education to submit a report that analyzes Home and Hospital Teaching (HHT) across the state to determine:

- The adequacy of HHT in preparing students to transition back to school following their time out of school
- Whether or not staffing is sufficient to meet the needs of the average number of students on HHT
- The necessity and efficacy of transition plans for students, and whether counselors should be responsible for developing those plans
- Any necessary statutory changes to HHT

The impact on Montgomery County Public Schools is minimal in this act, but there are implications for any subsequent changes to the HHT statute. It is a worthwhile endeavor to analyze the status quo of HHT state wide to determine whether or not any upgrades should be enacted to further support students, specifically in the transition back to school, which appears to be an area of focus in this bill.

Any statutory changes that can encourage students to transition back to their home schools in a more rapid fashion would support student learning

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