



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SB0434 (Cross filed with HB0722)
TITLE: Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Heat Stress Standards
DATE: 2/20/2020
POSITION: OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Economic Matters
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** SB0434.

Currently, online heat stress training is offered to all Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) employees, and some divisions provide informal staff training and seasonal guidance related to heat and cold stress. MCPS employees rarely experience serious heat-related worker illnesses (three cases since 2011). MCPS supports providing additional training and planning around this issue to ensure worker safety. Many of the details of how this bill would impact MCPS will not be known fully until the implementing regulations are developed. MCPS believes employee matters should be left to the purview of the local school system.

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