



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB0403
TITLE: Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses - Policies
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POSITION: SUPPORT
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** HB0403.

The purpose of the bill is to ensure that our schools, courthouses and hospitals have policies in place to limit participation in U.S. Immigration Enforcement (ICE). Montgomery County has a policy in place to limit ICE activities. However, many of these entities in the state do not have these policies.

As the school district with the largest population of English Learners, Montgomery County Public Schools is impacted by the fear from immigrant parents who are terrified in regards to going to their children's schools. We stand together with our community and support any legislation that will support this community. The constitution might have protections but that does not mean schools, hospitals or courthouses have policies to limit ICE enforcement.

So, although schools are already listed as sensitive places by the federal government where immigration enforcement generally will not occur, MCPS can benefit from standard guidelines across the state on these points. MCPS is also willing to share our approach as a template for others.

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