



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** HB0575  
**TITLE:** Education - Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program  
- Human and Sex Trafficking  
**DATE:** 2/13/2020  
**POSITION:** OPPOSE  
**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** HB0575.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) supports the instruction of human and sex trafficking and actively participates in the Montgomery County Committee on Human Trafficking. Given that safety and injury prevention are taught in grades 6 and 8 in MCPS.

MCPS believes the implementation and timing of this curriculum should be determined by the local school system. This is also due to the limited amount of instructional time (nine weeks) for health education in middle schools.

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