



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB1194
TITLE: Public Schools - Fees for Summer School Courses - Prohibition
DATE: 2/28/2020
POSITION: OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** HB1194.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) supports waiving a certain portion of student fees for summer school courses on a sliding scale based on need. However, prohibiting all fees would have a large fiscal impact on the school system.

In MCPS, student tuition for summer school is currently \$300 at full cost, with waiver rates at \$120 and \$85 for general education classes, and \$140 and \$40 for English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, based on financial need. Operating expenses for summer school in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 was \$3,331,035; revenue from tuition paid for credit bearing courses was \$884,294; and the total amount waived based on reduced fee eligibility was \$596,810.

For FY2020, MCPS collected revenues totaling \$884,294 for credit-bearing courses taken in regional and local summer school programs. Passage of this bill would result in the loss of this revenue to offset operating costs of the programs.

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