

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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850 Hungerford Drive ◆ Room 123 ◆ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB1323

TITLE: Juvenile Services Education - Education Records and School Enrollment -

Requirements

DATE: 3/4/2020

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports HB1323 with an amendment.

This bill calls for the transfer of records in a timely manner between the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). This would benefit Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students who transition between facilities, and MCPS has a court liaison specialist who can and does facilitate any transfer of records for MCPS students.

This bill also calls for a re-enrollment plan for students being released from DJS placements back into their local school system. The MCPS court liaison already facilitates a process called the Interagency Transition Team (ITT) which performs this function.

MCPS respectfully requests an amendment to ensure that DJS would also send records to local school systems.

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