



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB0717 (Cross filed with SB0770)
TITLE: Education – Technology Resources – Funding (Ending the Digital Divide Act)
DATE: 3/9/2021
POSITION: Support
COMMITTEE: Appropriations
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** HB0717.

There is currently no required allocation for technology as written by this bill. That lack of clarity has led to systems being unprepared for cyber attacks and virtual learning environments. When forced with difficult decisions, many school systems have elected to put limited funds toward other initiatives, leaving it exposed to cyber attacks and poor service in the virtual learning environment. This bill would support this critical work by allocating funds specifically for this purpose, and help with these issues.

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