



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SB0668
TITLE: Good Job Opportunities for High School Graduates Act of 2021
DATE: 3/9/2021
POSITION: Support with Amendment
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0668 **with an amendment**.

HB0668 would support priorities and practices MCPS has long had in place which include: preparing students for college and career success; establishing specific software system, such as Naviance, to support students postsecondary goals and careers; valuing equally the pursuit of career credentials and a postsecondary education; allowing students and parents to give written permission for the release of student data; publicizing opportunities for students to participate in work based learning programs which include apprenticeships; covering the cost of students to take AP, SAT, or career credentialing assessments; and accessing CTE innovative grant funds to redesign high school programs and maximize role in providing innovative instruction that includes support of apprenticeships.

The Bill will also provide for the establishment of grant funds overseen by the State and awarded to qualifying local Workforce Development Boards (based on eligibility requirements determined by State) to develop partnerships with BOE by end of 2021 that would support the development of processes to administer ASVAB during school day, and a system to share student ASVAB data with registered employers. It would also establish protocols for schools that administer the ASVAB test regarding the release of scores.

Montgomery County Public Schools understands the ASVAB is an aptitude test that identifies skill strengths and knowledge in various content areas, and would be of value to State approved registered apprenticeship employers. However, MCPS does not administer the ASVAB test. We do support and allow for the administration of the ASVAB [sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD)] within school buildings during the day and we do not collect ASVAB data;

Requested amendment language:

- recommends review and collaboration on this bill with DoD representatives as it relates to the ASVAB, its administration, and the sharing of data, and amendment to SB0668 accordingly, and
- suggests the terms defining 'CTE' be revised to align with the State's change from Career and Technology Education to Career and Technical Education.

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