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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** HB0171.

The data collection and reporting would not be particularly onerous because MCPS already collects this data in disaggregated form. Any data not already rolled up to MSDE could be easily done. Furthermore, MCPS is already in the process of updating Policy JGA, Student Discipline, to reflect our emphasis on restorative approaches to student discipline. Moreover, the MCPS Student Code of Conduct also emphasizes fairness and equity through clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations for student behavior. MSDE spent a great deal of time coming up with their formula for identifying disproportionality in discipline through their expectations for each school system to develop a Disproportionate Discipline Local Action Plan.

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