

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

850 Hungerford Drive ◆ Room 123 ◆ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB0916

TITLE: Higher Education - Programs for Behavioral Health Professionals in

Primary and Secondary Schools - Requirements and Grant Program

DATE: 3/10/2022 POSITION: Support

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) Supports HB0916

Montgomery County Public Schools and Board staff have worked with the sponsor of this bill and the University System of Maryland to determine how to remove barriers to increase the production of behavioral health professionals. This bill, written in collaboration, will establish a grant program and remove some of the barriers for these programs. This is an expansion of the grow your own programs.

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