



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: SB 916

TITLE: Education - Curriculum Standards - Requirements (Educate to Stop the Hate Act)

DATE: March 5, 2025

POSITION: Oppose

COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes Senate Bill 916.

This bill requires that certain curriculum guides and courses of study established by county boards of education be aligned with certain content standards, curriculum standards, and curriculum resources, and dictates what those content standards, curriculum standards, and curricular resources must contain.

On September 26, 2024, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a legislative platform that contains priority issues and ongoing concerns. One of the ongoing concerns is preserving local autonomy. Based on this platform position, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes legislation that would infringe on local control. Bills that fall into this category require specific school system action and may impact areas such as school calendars, school start times, curriculum, testing, procurement, and other operational decision-making.

Senate Bill 916 infringes on local control because it imposes a curricular mandate. As a result, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes Senate Bill 916.