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POSITION: SUPPORT

Montgomery County – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems – Authorization MC 4-25

House Bill 1032 authorizes the use of stop sign monitoring systems technology in school zones in Montgomery County. If the program is authorized under local law, and the monitoring systems are deployed by the County, drivers who fail to obey a stop sign by not coming to a complete stop would be subject to a \$40 citation. Similar to other automated traffic enforcement citations, the violation would be a civil penalty which could be contested in court.

A similar bill authorizing the use of stop sign cameras on State and local roads (<u>HB 367</u>) was introduced in the 2023 General Assembly session but did not advance. Montgomery County supported that legislation. In 2024, the State granted Prince George's County the authority to install stop sign cameras in their school zones. The County has begun to deploy the program.

Montgomery County supports House Bill 1032 to authorize the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones. Student safety and overall community safety will be improved with stop sign cameras on roads around schools. The County urges the Committee to adopt a favorable report on House Bill 1032.