



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** HB 763

**TITLE:** Education - Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program - Human and Sex Trafficking

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

**POSITION:** Oppose

**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 763.

This bill requires that a certain program on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault include, for students in grades 6 through 8, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking

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.

House Bill 763 infringes on local control as it would impose a curricular mandate. As a result, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 763.