



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB 1323

TITLE: Education - Public Schools - Asian American History Curriculum Requirement

DATE: March 5, 2025

POSITION: Oppose

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 1323.

This bill requires the Maryland State Board of Education to develop curriculum content standards for a unit of instruction on Asian American history and requires each county board of education to implement the Asian American history curriculum content standards in each public school in the county beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

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 1323 infringes on local control because it imposes a curricular mandate. As a result, the Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 1323.