



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: Senate Bill 375

TITLE: County Boards of Education - Artificial Intelligence Training Program - Requirement

DATE: February 27, 2026

POSITION: Oppose

COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes Senate Bill 375.

This bill requires the State Department of Education to develop or approve an artificial intelligence training program for members of county boards of education that each member would have to complete annually.

On August 21, 2025, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a legislative platform that contains priority issues and ongoing interests. One of the ongoing interests 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, training, procurement, and other operational decision-making. The platform also permits that Board to oppose bills that contain unfunded mandates, i.e. bills that would result in a fiscal impact on the school system with no identified funding source.

Senate Bill 375 infringes on local control and may contain an unfunded mandate. Decisions regarding training requirements, for Board members or any school system employees, are best left to the local education agencies who are able to determine in what areas training is appropriate based upon the needs of the school community. In addition, there may be cost associated with the required training in Senate Bill 375. While Board members would not be compensated for day of training, like a school system employee would, if the training has an in-person component that requires Board members to travel to a stated location there would be reimbursable costs associated with that travel.

Because Senate Bill 375 is an unfunded mandate that infringes on local control, the Board opposes this bill pursuant to its adopted platform and request an **unfavorable** report.