



# Montgomery County

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**HB 601**

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**SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation**

**ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation**

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### **Montgomery County – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems Pilot Program – Gaithersburg and Rockville MC 5-26**

House Bill 601 authorizes the use of stop sign monitoring systems technology in the Gaithersburg and Rockville under a pilot program that was first authorized for Prince George's County in 2024 and then expanded in 2025 to certain school zones in Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park. The bill does not apply to roads owned and operated by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. Montgomery County supports the bill.

The bill would require Gaithersburg and Rockville to comply with mandatory reporting requirements (e.g., time periods during which the monitoring systems were in use, number of issued warnings and citations, costs associated with implementing the new system, etc.) to the Governor on or before December 1, 2028. Montgomery County supported a similar bill in the 2025 General Assembly session authorizing the use of this technology in school zones across the entire County. While that wider effort did not advance, supporting an expanded pilot of this technology to other populated areas of the County will further pedestrian safety for our residents.

Montgomery County would urge the Committee to adopt a favorable report on House Bill 601.