



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: House Bill 326

TITLE: Education - Maryland Center for School Safety - Anonymous Reporting System

DATE: February 11, 2026

POSITION: Support

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports House Bill 326.

This bill requires that Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) to make available an anonymous reporting system to receive information related to a school or student safety concern and forward the reports to the impacted school system. Local Education Agencies would be required to participate in the program, unless they have an anonymous reporting system that meets the requirements of the state system. MCSS already makes such a system available to students and families state-wide.

On August 21, 2025, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a legislative platform that contains priority issues and ongoing concerns. One of the ongoing concerns is having available a safe and secure learning and working environment for all. This proposed legislation would help protect students, staff, and visitors by offering an anonymous reporting mechanism for individuals to notify authorities of any concerning behavior or information that causes alarm. Montgomery County Public Schools already participates in the system that currently exists – Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line – and appreciates the partnership with MCSS to as we work to keep our school community safe throughout the year. The Board appreciates the proposal in the current bill that reports made through the tip line would be protected from public disclosure by way of an exception to the Public Information Act.

As a result, and based on the Board’s adopted platform, the Montgomery County Board of Education supports House Bill 326 and urges a **favorable** report.