



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Bill: House Bill 681  
Title: Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles - Definition  
Committee: Environment and Transportation  
Date: February 25, 2016  
Position: **OPPOSE**  
Contact: Michael Durso, President, Montgomery County Board of Education

The Montgomery County Board of Education opposes House Bill 681.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) buys replacement and growth buses new from the manufacturer, and they start their life as Maryland school buses. In Montgomery County, MCPS provides transportation for the Head Start Program.

This change to the definition of school bus would allow school buses that did not start as Maryland school buses, and therefore were not subject to the rigorous Maryland school bus inspection program, to become Maryland school buses for use in Head Start programs. We do not believe this is in the best interests of the safety of our students.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Education, thank you for your consideration and we urge an unfavorable support.