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**SULLY ATTACKS JAWANDO ON SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

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**WEALTHY MARYLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT PTA TRAINS PARENTS IN HOW TO DISRUPT ICE ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS**

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**DEBATE AROUND SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS REIGNITES IN WAKE OF WOOTTON SHOOTING**

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**LUEDTKE CALLS FOR RETURN OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

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**SCATHING REPORT REVEALS ANTIFA-LINKED ORGANIZATION PASSING OUT MATERIAL TO K-12 STUDENTS: 'POLITICAL REVOLUTION'**

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### **WMAL REPORTING ON MCPS PTA MEETING ON ICE**

<https://grabien.com/file/getmedia?id=3375370&key=5ef9580b5bab8218d02f32ae983d7f3a&userid=17147&download=f22c53f65ab48b9bf263636e09e73dd2>

### **PETITION: MAKE MCPS CAMPUSES SAFER WITH METAL DETECTORS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

<https://www.change.org/p/make-mcps-campuses-safer-with-metal-detectors-in-middle-high-schools> (Sign petition only)

### **LEUL DAWIT AND REEMAY GHERMAY NAMED FINALISTS FOR STUDENT BOARD SEAT**

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### **MD GOP PUSHES BILLS IN RESPONSE TO WOOTTON HS SHOOTING**

In the wake of the Montgomery County high school shooting, Maryland House Republicans renewed their push for stricter school notification policies for when a student is arrested or suspected of certain crimes. This comes as the General Assembly considers reducing the number of offenses for which young people would automatically be charged as adults.

Sixteen-year-old Kahlil White-Villatoro is accused of shooting another student on Monday at Thomas S. Wootton High School in Rockville. White-Villatoro was charged as an adult with attempted second-degree murder, assault and firearm offenses.

“The majority party seems to be hell-bent on putting politics above public safety,” Del. Jesse Pippy, the House Minority Whip, said at a Wednesday news conference.

Montgomery County Sen. Will Smith and Anne Arundel County Del. Sandy Bartlett, both Democrats, are leading legislation to reduce the offenses that automatically charge children as adults. The legislation, which has been heard in committees in both chambers but has not been sent to either chamber’s floor, would eliminate automatic charging for 14- and 15-year-olds. Automatic charging would remain in place for the most severe offenses for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Currently, 14- and 15-year-olds in Maryland are automatically charged as adults for any offenses that could face a life sentence if committed by an adult. Older teenagers, 16- and 17-year-olds, are automatically charged as adults for 33 offenses.

Under the legislation, children not automatically charged as adults could still be brought up to adult court under a judge’s ruling. Automatic charging would remain under the bill for first- and second-degree murder and attempt; first- and second-degree rape and attempt; voluntary manslaughter, carjacking, armed carjacking, and using a handgun during a crime of violence. If passed, 16- and 17-year-olds would no longer be automatically charged as adults for abduction, kidnapping, robbery, attempted robbery, third-degree sex offense, regulated firearm offenses, use of a firearm in a drug crime,

first-degree assault and several offenses involving handguns and machine guns.

Automatic charging would end under the bill for all 14- and 15-year-olds.

While the student accused of shooting the other student at the high school in Montgomery County would still be automatically charged as an adult under the bill, House Minority Leader Del. Jason Buckel argued that the bill would eliminate the discretion of elected state's attorneys.

"The Democratic majority, they want to just eliminate all that discretion," Buckel.

The Republicans highlighted another bill, brought by Republican Del. Mike Griffith, who represents Cecil and Harford counties. The measure, House Bill 123, would expand the list of offenses for which a student is arrested, which would require law enforcement to send a notification to the school and would require the state's attorney to notify the superintendent, principal, and the school security officer if law enforcement did not. Notifications would be required for a student's arrest for any act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, revenge porn distribution, a threat of mass violence, child pornography without knowledge and consent, stalking, and fourth-degree sexual offense. Currently, these motivations are required for crimes of violence.

"We believe we have to notify people there so that they can be better managed," Buckel said.

Buckel and Pippy referenced the rumors that the accused shooter in Montgomery County was wearing an ankle monitor as a reason for needing to push the Griffith bill.

Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy declined to comment on the ankle monitor rumors on Tuesday.