

HOUSE BILL 619

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – County Superintendent of Schools – Notification of Criminal**
3 **Charges**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county superintendent to notify the county board of
5 education in writing of certain criminal charges; requiring the written
6 notification to include certain documents; providing for certain penalties for
7 certain violations; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to
8 notification of criminal charges against county superintendents.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Education
3 Section 4–201(e)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2006 Replacement Volume)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Education
8 Section 4–201(f) and 4–206
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Education**

14 4–201.

15 (e) (1) The State Superintendent may remove a county superintendent
16 for:

- 17 (i) Immorality;
18 (ii) Misconduct in office;
19 (iii) Insubordination;
20 (iv) Incompetency; or
21 (v) Willful neglect of duty.

22 (2) Before removing a county superintendent, the State
23 Superintendent shall send [him] **THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT** a copy of the
24 charges against [him] **THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT** and give [him] **THE COUNTY**
25 **SUPERINTENDENT** an opportunity within 10 days to request a hearing.

26 (3) If the county superintendent requests a hearing within the 10–day
27 period:

1 (i) The State Superintendent promptly shall hold a hearing, but
2 a hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Superintendent sends the
3 county superintendent a notice of the hearing; and

4 (ii) The county superintendent shall have an opportunity to be
5 heard publicly before the State Superintendent in [his] **THE COUNTY**
6 **SUPERINTENDENT'S** own defense, in person or by counsel.

7 **(F) ON NOTIFICATION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST A**
8 **COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AS PROVIDED UNDER § 4-206 OF THIS SUBTITLE,**
9 **THE COUNTY BOARD MAY SUSPEND THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WITH PAY**
10 **UNTIL THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CRIMINAL CHARGES.**

11 **4-206.**

12 **(A) A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE**
13 **COUNTY BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST**
14 **THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.**

15 **(B) THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
16 **SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF ALL CHARGING DOCUMENTS SERVED ON**
17 **THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COUNSEL.**

18 **(C) ANY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTIONS (A)**
19 **AND (B) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION**
20 **IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 AND REVOCATION OF ANY**
21 **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2007.