

SENATE BILL 907

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By: **Senators Currie, Hogan, and McFadden**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget Accountability – Master Plans – ~~Submission~~ and Evaluations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to submit certain annual
4 updates to their comprehensive master plans to the State Department of
5 Education on or before ~~a certain date and at a certain time thereafter~~ certain
6 dates; requiring county boards of education to submit comprehensive master
7 plans to the State Department of Education on or before a certain date;
8 clarifying that comprehensive master plans extend for and annual updates
9 cover a certain period of time; requiring the Department to submit an interim
10 report on the results of a certain evaluation to the Governor and General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the General Assembly to
12 deliberate during a certain legislative session and determine whether certain
13 provisions of law, as amended by this Act, should be modified to differentiate
14 among local education agencies in the master plan requirement, whether a
15 preexisting comprehensive master plan meets certain requirements, and
16 whether a certain provision of law should be repealed; providing for the delayed
17 effective date of certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; and
18 generally relating to the submission of comprehensive master plans and
19 updates by county boards of education.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – Education
 3 Section 5–401 and 5–402
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2006 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing
 7 Article – Education
 8 Section 5–401(g)
 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 5–401.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) “Local performance standards” means standards for student and
 17 school performance developed by a county board.

18 (3) “Plan” means a comprehensive master plan.

19 (4) “State performance standards” means standards for student and
 20 school performance approved by the State Board.

21 **(5) “UPDATE” MEANS AN ANNUAL UPDATE TO A COUNTY BOARD’S**
 22 **COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN.**

23 (b) (1) Each county board shall develop and implement a comprehensive
 24 master plan that describes the goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to
 25 improve student achievement and meet State performance standards and local
 26 performance standards in each segment of the student population.

27 (2) (i) ~~Each~~ ~~ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND EVERY~~
 28 ~~5 YEARS THEREAFTER, EACH~~ county board shall submit a plan to the Department
 29 ~~on or before October 1, 2003.~~

1 **(II) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT AN UPDATE TO**
 2 **THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR**
 3 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ON OR**
 4 **BEFORE:**

5 **1. OCTOBER 15, 2008; AND**

6 **2. OCTOBER 15, 2009.**

7 **(3) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2010, EACH COUNTY**
 8 **BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

9 **(II) BEGINNING IN 2011, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL**
 10 **SUBMIT AN ANNUAL UPDATE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE STATE**
 11 **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15 OF EACH YEAR.**

12 **(4) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
 13 **PLAN AND UPDATES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION**
 14 **SHALL COVER A 5-YEAR PERIOD.**

15 (ii) At least 60 days before submitting a plan **OR UPDATE** to the
 16 Department, a county board shall provide a copy of the plan **OR UPDATE** to the:

17 1. County council and if applicable, county executive; or

18 2. County commissioners.

19 ~~(3) Subject to subsection (i) of this section, the plan shall:~~

20 ~~(i) Extend for a 5-year period [beginning with the 2003-2004~~
 21 ~~school year]; and~~

22 ~~(ii) Be updated annually by the county board and submitted for~~
 23 ~~review and approval by the State Superintendent of Schools on or before October 15 of~~
 24 ~~each year.~~

25 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** Each county board shall submit with the update required under
 26 paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection:

1 (i) A detailed summary of how the board's current year
2 approved budget and increases in expenditures over the prior year are consistent with
3 the master plan; and

4 (ii) A summary of how the board's actual prior year budget and
5 additional expenditures in the prior year's budget aligned with the master plan.

6 (c) The plan **OR UPDATE** shall include:

7 (1) Goals and objectives as required under subsections (d) through (f)
8 of this section that are aligned with State performance standards and local
9 performance standards;

10 (2) Implementation strategies for meeting goals and objectives;

11 (3) Methods for measuring progress toward meeting goals and
12 objectives;

13 (4) Time lines for implementation of the strategies for meeting goals
14 and objectives;

15 (5) Time lines for meeting goals and objectives;

16 (6) A description of the alignment of the county board's budget with
17 goals, objectives, and strategies for improving student achievement;

18 (7) The impact of the proposed goals, objectives, and implementation
19 strategies on public school facilities and capital improvements that may be needed to
20 implement the plan **OR UPDATE**; and

21 (8) Any other information required by the State Superintendent.

22 (d) The plan **OR UPDATE** shall include goals, objectives, and strategies
23 regarding the performance of:

24 (1) Students requiring special education, as defined in § 5–209 of this
25 title;

26 (2) Students with limited–English proficiency, as defined in § 5–208 of
27 this title;

28 (3) Prekindergarten students;

- 1 (4) Kindergarten students;
- 2 (5) Gifted and talented students, as defined in § 8–201 of this article;
- 3 (6) Students enrolled in career and technology courses;
- 4 (7) Students failing to meet, or failing to make progress toward
5 meeting, State performance standards, including any segment of the student
6 population that is, on average, performing at a lower achievement level than the
7 student population as a whole; and
- 8 (8) Any other segment of the student population identified by the
9 State Superintendent.
- 10 (e) With regard to subsection (d)(7) of this section, the plan **OR UPDATE**
11 shall include strategies to address any disparities in achievement identified for any
12 segment of the student population.
- 13 (f) (1) (i) The State Superintendent shall review each plan **OR**
14 **UPDATE** to determine whether the plan **OR UPDATE** complies with the requirements
15 of subsections (b) through (e) of this section.
- 16 (ii) If the State Superintendent determines that a plan **OR**
17 **UPDATE** does not comply with the requirements of subsections (b) through (e) of this
18 section, the State Superintendent may require specific revisions to the plan **OR**
19 **UPDATE**.
- 20 (2) (i) The State Superintendent may review the content of each
21 plan **OR UPDATE** to assess whether the plan **OR UPDATE** will have the effect of
22 improving student achievement and increasing progress toward meeting State
23 performance standards.
- 24 (ii) If the State Superintendent determines that a plan **OR**
25 **UPDATE** will not have the effect of improving student achievement and increasing
26 progress toward meeting State performance standards, the State Superintendent may
27 require specific revisions to the plan **OR UPDATE**.
- 28 (3) A county board may not implement a plan **OR UPDATE** unless it
29 has been approved by the State Superintendent.

1 (g) (1) A county board may submit a preexisting management plan to the
2 Department as the county board's plan under subsection (b) of this section.

3 (2) If the State Superintendent determines that the preexisting
4 management plan meets the requirements set forth in this section, the State
5 Superintendent shall approve the preexisting management plan as the county board's
6 plan.

7 (h) (1) The State Superintendent annually shall review how each county
8 board's current year approved budget and actual prior year budget align with the
9 master plan and any updates to the master plan. This review may be based on the
10 information required to be submitted by the county board under subsection ~~(b)(4)~~
11 **(B)(5)** of this section and any other information required by the State Superintendent.

12 (2) The State Superintendent annually shall report the results of the
13 budget review by December 31 to the Governor, the county governing body, and,
14 subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

15 (i) (1) If a school system fails to demonstrate progress toward improving
16 student achievement and meeting State performance standards in each segment of the
17 student population during a school year, the State Superintendent shall review the
18 content of the plan, any updates to the plan, and the results of the annual review
19 required under subsection (h)(1) of this section to assess whether the plan **OR UPDATE**
20 will have the effect of improving student achievement and increasing progress toward
21 meeting State performance standards.

22 (2) If the State Superintendent determines that a plan **OR UPDATE**
23 will not have the effect of improving student achievement and increasing progress
24 toward meeting State performance standards, the State Superintendent shall require
25 specific revisions to the plan **OR UPDATE**.

26 (j) The State Superintendent shall advise the Governor and the General
27 Assembly concerning the distribution of State funds to a county that fails to make
28 progress toward improving student achievement and meeting State performance
29 standards in each segment of the student population.

30 (k) The State Board may withhold State funds from a county board if:

31 (1) A school system fails to demonstrate annual progress toward
32 improving student achievement and meeting State performance standards in each
33 segment of the student population; and

1 (2) Fails to develop a plan **OR UPDATE** that meets the requirements of
2 subsections (b) through (g) of this section or take any action required by the State
3 Superintendent under this section.

4 (1) (1) The State Superintendent shall review academic intervention
5 programs and behavior modification programs to identify best practices.

6 (2) The State Superintendent shall periodically report on the best
7 practices to the State Board, the county boards, the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246
8 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 (m) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall
10 adopt regulations as necessary to implement this section.

11 (2) The Department shall consult with county superintendents and
12 county boards before promulgating proposed regulations to implement this section.

13 (n) The Department may provide technical assistance to county boards in
14 developing and implementing a plan.

15 (o) The Governor shall include an appropriation for the Department in the
16 State budget for each fiscal year in amount sufficient to cover the costs associated with
17 implementing this section.

18 5-402.

19 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall
20 evaluate the effect of increased State aid for education on student and school
21 performance in each local school system.

22 (2) The Department may contract with a public or private entity to
23 conduct or assist in conducting the evaluation required by this subsection.

24 (b) (1) The Department shall submit an initial report on the results of the
25 evaluation required by this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
26 State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2006.

27 (2) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT ON**
28 **THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION TO THE**
29 **GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**
30 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007.**

1 [(2)] (3) The Department shall submit a final report on the results of
 2 the evaluation required by this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
 3 State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008.

4 (c) The reports required by this section shall include:

5 (1) A detailed description of how local school systems are using State
 6 education aid;

7 (2) A comparison of school systems that show significant
 8 improvements in student and school performance to school systems that do not show
 9 significant improvements in student and school performance;

10 (3) An assessment of the extent to which county boards are successful
 11 in implementing the comprehensive master plans required by § 5-401 of this subtitle;

12 (4) An analysis of the amount of funding that local governments
 13 provide for education each year;

14 (5) A list of programs or factors that consistently produce positive
 15 results for students, schools, and school systems; and

16 (6) Any other information that the State Superintendent determines
 17 to be relevant to the evaluation of student and school performance in each local school
 18 system.

19 (d) The Governor shall include an appropriation for the Department in the
 20 State budget for each fiscal year sufficient to cover the costs associated with
 21 implementing this section.

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
 25 read as follows:

26 **Article - Education**

27 5-401.

28 [(g) (1) A county board may submit a preexisting management plan to the
 29 Department as the county board's plan under subsection (b) of this section.

1 (2) If the State Superintendent determines that the preexisting
2 management plan meets the requirements set forth in this section, the State
3 Superintendent shall approve the preexisting management plan as the county board’s
4 plan.]

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, during the 2009 regular
6 legislative session, the General Assembly shall review the report submitted by the
7 State Department of Education under § 5–402 of the Education Article, as enacted by
8 Section 1 of this Act, and determine whether:

9 (1) certain provisions of § 5–401(b) of the Education Article, as enacted
10 by Section 1 of this Act, should be modified to allow for the differentiation among local
11 education agencies in the master plan requirement;

12 (2) a preexisting comprehensive master plan meets the requirements
13 set forth in § 5–401 of the Education Article; and

14 (3) § 5–401(g) of the Education Article should be repealed.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
16 take effect July 1, 2009.

17 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
18 Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.