## HOUSE BILL 1297

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By: **Delegate McKay** Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016 Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: March 18, 2016

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AN ACT concerning

## Education – Public High Schools – Agriculture Science

FOR the purpose of requiring <u>encouraging</u> each county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to implement a certain agriculture science curriculum in a certain number of public high schools in each county or a certain number of career and technology education centers in each county; requiring that the agriculture science curriculum be selected from existing curricula developed by the State Department of Education or be developed by a county board and approved by the Department; and generally relating to the implementation of an agriculture science curriculum in each county.

BY adding to

Article – Education Section 4–111.3 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

## Article – Education

## 4–111.3.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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



(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL IS ENCOURAGED TO IMPLEMENT AN AGRICULTURE SCIENCE CURRICULUM SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN:

(1) AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM; OR

(2) AT LEAST ONE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER IN THE COUNTY.

(B) THE AGRICULTURE SCIENCE CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) SELECTED FROM EXISTING CURRICULA THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR

(2) DEVELOPED BY A COUNTY BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.