

HOUSE BILL 428

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Legislative Audits – Baltimore County Public School System – Special**
3 **Audit**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a special
5 comprehensive audit of the procurement practices and contracts of the Baltimore
6 County public school system to determine whether certain acts occurred during a
7 certain time period; requiring the audit to focus on certain procurement practices,
8 certain contracts, interactions between certain persons and vendors, and compliance
9 with certain ethics standards and requirements; and generally relating to audits of
10 the Baltimore County public school system conducted by the Office of Legislative
11 Audits.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 2–1220(h)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Government**

20 2–1220.

21 **(H) (1) THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS SHALL CONDUCT A**
22 **SPECIAL COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT OF THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES AND**
23 **CONTRACTS OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO DETERMINE**
24 **WHETHER THERE WERE ANY ACTS OF FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE DURING THE TIME**
25 **PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012, TO JUNE 30, 2018, BOTH INCLUSIVE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE SPECIAL COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT SHALL FOCUS ON:**

2 **(I) THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF:**

3 **1. THE OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY**
4 **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; AND**

5 **2. THE CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES AND**
6 **DEPARTMENTS OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

7 **(II) BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CONTRACTS**
8 **THAT:**

9 **1. HAD A VALUE OF MORE THAN \$1,000,000;**

10 **2. RELATED TO EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING**
11 **HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, LICENSING, AND SERVICES;**

12 **3. WERE MADE WITH AN AFFILIATE OR A PARTNER OF A**
13 **TECHNOLOGY-RELATED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION;**

14 **4. WERE NO-BID OR PIGGYBACK CONTRACTS;**

15 **5. HAD A VALUE OF LESS THAN \$500,000, DID NOT**
16 **REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,**
17 **AND HAD RENEWALS OR EXTENSIONS THAT TOTAL MORE THAN \$500,000;**

18 **6. HAD A LENGTH OF MORE THAN 5 YEARS, INCLUDING**
19 **THE INITIAL TERM AND ANY EXTENSION; OR**

20 **7. RELATED TO SYSTEMIC DIGITAL CONVERSION OR THE**
21 **SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAM;**

22 **(III) INTERACTIONS BETWEEN VENDORS AND MEMBERS OF THE**
23 **BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, INCLUDING**
24 **THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DURING SITE VISITS AND**
25 **OUT-OF-COUNTY PROFESSIONAL EVENTS;**

26 **(IV) INTERACTIONS BETWEEN VENDORS AND THE EDUCATION**
27 **FOUNDATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND**

1 **(V) COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS STANDARDS AND**
2 **REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO:**

3 **1. EXPENDITURES RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE**
4 **STAFF TRAVEL, CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PROFESSIONAL**
5 **DUES;**

6 **2. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES BY ADMINISTRATIVE**
7 **STAFF;**

8 **3. REMUNERATION PAID TO SCHOOL SYSTEM**
9 **EMPLOYEES; AND**

10 **4. EXPENDITURES RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE**
11 **BALTIMORE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
13 1, 2018.