

HOUSE BILL 1158

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By: **Delegate M. Fisher**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Training on The 1776 Report – Referendum**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Calvert County Superintendent of Schools, the members
4 of the Calvert County Board of Education, and public school teachers and
5 administrators to receive annual training that reflects the findings of The 1776
6 Report beginning in a certain year; requiring the County Commissioners of Calvert
7 County to identify entities that can provide the training and select the entity that
8 will provide the training by a majority vote; defining a certain term; providing for
9 the application of this Act; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters
10 of Calvert County; and generally relating to training Calvert County public school
11 officials, teachers, and administrators on the findings of The 1776 Report.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 4–138

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, The 1776 Report was published by the White House as the findings of
19 the President’s Advisory 1776 Commission; and

20 WHEREAS, The President’s Advisory 1776 Commission was tasked with the goal of
21 ending the radicalized view of American history that has vilified our country’s founders and
22 its founding; now, therefore,

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

25 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4-138.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "THE 1776 REPORT" MEANS THE 2021 REPORT
3 PRODUCED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY 1776 COMMISSION SUMMARIZING THE
4 PRINCIPLES OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES AND HOW THOSE
5 PRINCIPLES HAVE SHAPED THE UNITED STATES.

6 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CALVERT COUNTY.

7 (C) BEGINNING IN 2023, THE CALVERT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, THE
8 MEMBERS OF THE CALVERT COUNTY BOARD, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND
9 ADMINISTRATORS SHALL RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAINING THAT REFLECTS THE
10 FINDINGS OF THE 1776 REPORT.

11 (D) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY SHALL:

12 (1) IDENTIFY ENTITIES THAT CAN PROVIDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED
13 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

14 (2) SELECT THE ENTITY THAT WILL PROVIDE THE TRAINING BY A
15 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes
17 effective, it first shall be submitted to a referendum of the qualified voters of Calvert County
18 at the general election to be held in November 2022. The County governing body and the
19 Calvert County Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for
20 and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the
21 question are "For the referred law" this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023, but
22 if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" this Act, with
23 no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
25 Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by
26 Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.