

# SENATE BILL 1186

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By: **Howard County Senators**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs**

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options  
5 for School Capital Needs to identify capital needs of Howard County Public Schools  
6 and study options for closing any identified funding gaps; requiring the Howard  
7 County Council to submit a resolution to the Howard County Delegation if the  
8 Howard County Council determines a recommendation from the Task Force should  
9 be enacted but the Council lacks the authority to enact the recommendation; and  
10 generally relating to a Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for  
11 School Capital Needs.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That:

14 (a) There is a Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School  
15 Capital Needs.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair of the  
18 Howard County Senate Delegation;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair of the  
20 Howard County House Delegation;

21 (3) the Howard County Executive, or the County Executive's designee;

22 (4) two members of the Howard County Council, appointed by the Howard

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 County Council;

2 (5) two members of the Howard County Board of Education, appointed by  
3 the Howard County Board of Education;

4 (6) the Howard County Public School System Superintendent, or the  
5 Superintendent's designee;

6 (7) one member of the Howard County PTA Council, appointed by the  
7 Council;

8 (8) two residents of Howard County, appointed by the Howard County  
9 Council;

10 (9) one voting member of the Howard County Spending Affordability  
11 Advisory Committee, appointed by the Howard County Executive;

12 (10) one voting member of the Howard County Spending Affordability  
13 Advisory Committee, appointed by the Howard County Council;

14 (11) the Howard County Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;

15 (12) the Howard County Budget Director, or the Director's designee;

16 (13) the Chair of the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board, or  
17 the Chair's designee;

18 (14) the President of the Howard County Farm Bureau, or the President's  
19 designee;

20 (15) the Chief of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue  
21 Services, or the Chief's designee;

22 (16) the President of IAFF 2000, or the President's designee;

23 (17) the Director of the Howard County Department of Housing and  
24 Community Development, or the Director's designee;

25 (18) the Chair of the Howard County Housing and Community  
26 Development Board, or the Chair's designee;

27 (19) the Director of the Howard County Department of Recreation and  
28 Parks, or the Director's designee; and

29 (20) the Chair of the Howard County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board,  
30 or the Chair's designee.

- 1 (c) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 2 (d) The County Executive shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 3 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member of the  
4 Task Force.
- 5 (f) In consultation with Howard County Public Schools, the Howard County  
6 Department of Finance, and the Howard County Budget Office, the Task Force shall:
- 7 (1) identify the capital needs, including deferred maintenance, of Howard  
8 County Public Schools through 2035;
- 9 (2) determine the projected funding expected to be allocated to Howard  
10 County Public Schools capital projects through 2035;
- 11 (3) identify the anticipated funding gaps for Howard County Public Schools  
12 capital projections under current revenue projections through 2035; and
- 13 (4) study options for closing any identified funding gaps for Howard County  
14 Public Schools capital projects under current revenue projections through 2035, including:
- 15 (i) allocating a higher percentage of revenue from the transfer tax  
16 to Howard County Public Schools capital projects;
- 17 (ii) enacting a commercial excise tax;
- 18 (iii) exercising existing authority the County may use to generate  
19 additional revenue; and
- 20 (iv) studying any other potential revenue sources the Task Force  
21 determines appropriate.
- 22 (g) On or before December 1, 2025, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
23 recommendations to the Howard County members of the House of Delegates and the Senate  
24 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.
- 25 (h) If the Howard County Council determines a recommendation included in the  
26 report submitted under subsection (g) of this section should be enacted but the Council or  
27 County lack the authority to enact the recommendation, the Howard County Council shall  
28 submit a resolution requesting the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly  
29 authorize the Howard County Council to enact the specified recommendation.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
31 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
32 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
33 abrogated and of no further force and effect.