

# HOUSE BILL 1395

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By: **Delegates Howard, Kipke, and Munoz**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Ombudsman – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire an  
4 ombudsman before the beginning of a certain school year; requiring the president of  
5 the county board, in consultation with counsel for the county board, to negotiate a  
6 certain employment agreement; providing that the ombudsman is subject to removal  
7 by the president of the county board under certain circumstances; requiring the  
8 ombudsman to provide certain services; providing for the salary of the ombudsman;  
9 and generally relating to the ombudsman of the Anne Arundel County Board of  
10 Education.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 3–2A–09  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **3–2A–09.**

20 **(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND BEFORE**  
21 **THE BEGINNING OF THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL HIRE**  
22 **AN OMBUDSMAN.**

23 **(2) THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH**  
24 **COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY BOARD, SHALL NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE OMBUDSMAN.**

2 **(B) THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE PRESIDENT**  
3 **OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT**  
4 **AGREEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(C) THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL:**

6 **(1) ACT AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD AND**  
7 **MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY;**

8 **(2) ASSIST COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ACCESSING SERVICES OF ANNE**  
9 **ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY**  
10 **EDUCATION-RELATED SERVICES; AND**

11 **(3) ENGAGE COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO**  
12 **ADVANCE THE STRATEGIC GOALS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

13 **(D) THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$120,000.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2024.