

**HOUSE BILL 176**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Delegates Rawlings and Hixson**

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Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Statutory Deadlines**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the statutory deadlines for certain actions relating to the  
4 New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; making this Act an  
5 emergency measure; and generally relating to the New Baltimore City Board of  
6 School Commissioners.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 4-309(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Chapter 105 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
14 Section 27

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 4-309.

19 (b) (1) On or before [January] MARCH 1, 1998, the Chief Executive Officer  
20 shall develop a comprehensive master plan and submit the plan to the Board for its  
21 review, modification, and final approval.

22 (2) On or before [March] MAY 1, 1998, the Board shall approve and  
23 commence implementation of the master plan.

24 (3) Following approval of the master plan by the Board, or by  
25 [February] MARCH 15, 1998, whichever is earlier, the master plan shall be submitted  
26 to the members of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of  
27 Schools for their review and approval.

1           (4)     The General Assembly shall receive and consider both the transition  
2 plan and the master plan, and the comments of the State Board of Education and  
3 State Superintendent of Schools regarding both plans and the achievements of the  
4 Board towards meeting the goals of this Act, before approving the Fiscal Year 1999  
5 budget.

6           (5)     The Chief Executive Officer or a designee of the Chief Executive  
7 Officer may consult with parents, teachers, students, representatives of the business  
8 community, and educational instruction and administration experts during the course  
9 of development of the master plan.

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#### Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1997

11     SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Baltimore City  
12 Board of School Commissioners shall initiate a search process for a permanent Chief  
13 Executive Officer (CEO) no later than 30 days after appointment. The Board may  
14 appoint an interim CEO if it is not feasible to hire a permanent CEO immediately,  
15 and must appoint an interim CEO no later than June 15, 1997. The interim CEO  
16 shall not be eligible for appointment as the permanent CEO. The Board must appoint  
17 a permanent CEO no later than October 30, 1997, unless extenuating circumstances  
18 exist as determined by the Board, in consultation with the State Board of Education.  
19 In this event, the Board must appoint a permanent CEO no later than [December 31,  
20 1997] APRIL 15, 1998.

21     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
22 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
23 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
24 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
25 the date it is enacted.