

HOUSE BILL 375

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the procedures for the appointment or
4 reappointment of the Harford County Superintendent of Schools are those that
5 are applicable to all counties in the State; repealing the requirement that the
6 Harford County Board of Education provide public notice that the county board
7 will conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent of schools by a specific
8 date; repealing the requirement that the county board conduct an evaluation of
9 the county superintendent and share the findings of the evaluation with the
10 county superintendent by a certain date; repealing the county superintendent's
11 reappointment notification requirement to the county board; and generally
12 relating to the Harford County Board of Education and the Harford County
13 Superintendent of Schools.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Education
16 Section 4-201(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 4-201.

23 (b) (1) The term of a county superintendent is 4 years beginning on July 1. A
24 county superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

25 (2) [Except in Harford County, by] BY February 1 of the year in which a
26 term ends, the county superintendent shall notify the county board whether the
27 superintendent is a candidate for reappointment.

1 (3) In the year in which a term begins, the county board shall appoint a
2 county superintendent between February 1 and June 30. However, if the county board
3 decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the county board shall take final
4 action at a public meeting no later than March 1 of that year.

5 (4) If a county board is unable to appoint a county superintendent by
6 July 1 of a year in which a term begins, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section
7 apply.

8 [(5) (i) This paragraph applies only to Harford County.

9 (ii) By January 1 of the year that is 2 years before the county
10 superintendent's term ends, and by January 1 of the year that the superintendent's
11 term ends, the Harford County Board shall provide public notice in 2 newspapers of
12 general circulation in the county that the Board will conduct an evaluation of the
13 superintendent's professional performance.

14 (iii) By February 1 of each year specified in subparagraph (ii) of this
15 paragraph, the Harford County Board shall:

16 1. Conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent's
17 professional performance; and

18 2. Share the findings of the evaluation with the county
19 superintendent.

20 (iv) 1. By December 1 of the year preceding a year in which the
21 term ends, the county superintendent shall notify the county Board whether the
22 superintendent is a candidate for reappointment. If the superintendent notifies the
23 county Board that the superintendent is not a candidate for reappointment, then the
24 remaining provisions of this paragraph shall not apply.

25 2. The county Board shall provide public notice in 2
26 newspapers of general circulation in the county whether the superintendent is a
27 candidate for reappointment.]

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2003.