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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Comprehensive Master Plan Updates - Due Dates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which county boards of education must
4 submit certain information to the State Department of Education; altering the
5 date by which the State Superintendent of Schools must make a certain report;
6 and generally relating to comprehensive master plan updates provided by local
7 boards of education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 5-401(b) and (h)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 5-401.

17 (b) (1) Each county board shall develop and implement a comprehensive
18 master plan that describes the goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to
19 improve student achievement and meet State performance standards and local
20 performance standards in each segment of the student population.

21 (2) (i) Each county board shall submit a plan to the Department on or
22 before October 1, 2003.

23 (ii) At least 60 days before submitting a plan to the Department, a
24 county board shall provide a copy of the plan to the:

25 1. County council and if applicable, county executive; or

26 2. County commissioners.

1 (3) Subject to subsection (i) of this section, the plan shall:

2 (i) Extend for a 5-year period beginning with the 2003-2004 school
3 year; and

4 (ii) Be updated annually by the county board and submitted for
5 review and approval by the State Superintendent of Schools on or before [August 15]
6 OCTOBER 15 of each year.

7 (4) [(i)] Each county board shall submit with the update required under
8 paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection:

9 (I) [a] A detailed summary of how the board's current year
10 approved budget and increases in expenditures over the prior year are consistent with
11 the master plan[.]; AND

12 (ii) [By October 1 of each year, each county board shall supplement
13 the update with a] A summary of how the board's actual prior year budget and
14 additional expenditures in the prior year's budget aligned with the master plan.

15 (h) (1) The State Superintendent annually shall review how each county
16 board's current year approved budget and actual prior year budget align with the
17 master plan and any updates to the master plan. This review may be based on the
18 information required to be submitted by the county board under subsection (b)(4) of
19 this section and any other information required by the State Superintendent.

20 (2) The State Superintendent annually shall report the results of the
21 budget review by [December 1] DECEMBER 31 to the Governor, the county governing
22 body, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2005.