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By: **Delegate Conway**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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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.

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.

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