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By: **Delegate Marriott**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Education - Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Annual Report**  
3                                   **on Class Size**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners each  
5 school year to determine the average class size for each grade for the schools  
6 under its jurisdiction; requiring the average class size calculation to be made on  
7 a certain date each school year; requiring the Board to submit an annual report  
8 of its findings to the Baltimore City House and Senate delegation to the General  
9 Assembly; and generally relating to the average class size for each grade for  
10 each school under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore City Board of School  
11 Commissioners.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Education  
14 Section 4-316  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

19                                   **Article - Education**

20 4-316.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of local law and subject to the applicable  
22 provisions of this article, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may:

- 23                   (1) Examine, appoint, and remove teachers;
- 24                   (2) Set teacher qualifications;
- 25                   (3) Set teacher salaries; and
- 26                   (4) Select textbooks for the public schools in Baltimore City, except that  
27 the textbooks may not contain anything of a sectarian or partisan character.

1 (b) (1) The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall report  
2 annually to the State Board on the condition of the schools under its jurisdiction.

3 (2) The report shall include a statement of:

4 (i) Expenditures;

5 (ii) The number of children taught; and

6 (iii) Any other statistical information the State Board requires.

7 (C) (1) (I) FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR  
8 THEREAFTER, THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS SHALL  
9 DETERMINE THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE FOR EACH GRADE FOR EACH SCHOOL UNDER  
10 ITS JURISDICTION.

11 (II) THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED, IN ACCORDANCE  
12 WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE BALTIMORE CITY  
13 HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE  
14 DECEMBER 1 IN THE YEAR THAT INCLUDES THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR  
15 COVERED BY THE REPORT.

16 (2) THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE FOR EACH GRADE FOR EACH SCHOOL  
17 SHALL BE CALCULATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR ON THE BASIS OF THE  
18 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT ON THAT DATE FOR THAT GRADE IN THAT  
19 SCHOOL.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
21 effect October 1, 2006.