

# SENATE BILL 230

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By: **Senators Greenip, Colburn, Harris, and Mooney**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Collective Bargaining Sunshine Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain written collective bargaining agreements be  
4 made available to the public by county boards of education within a certain  
5 number of days following approval of the agreement; requiring the county  
6 boards to submit the agreements to the State Board of Education by a certain  
7 time; requiring the State Board to store the agreements in a certain repository;  
8 requiring the State Board to make the agreements available to the public in a  
9 certain manner; requiring county boards and the State Board to collect and  
10 make available to the public certain existing agreements within a certain  
11 number of days after the enactment of this Act; defining a certain term; and  
12 generally relating to collective bargaining agreements for certificated public  
13 school employees.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 6–412

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 **6–412.**

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “WRITTEN AGREEMENT” MEANS ALL MATTERS  
24 AGREED ON, AND ANY APPROVED MODIFICATIONS TO AN AGREEMENT, BY THE  
25 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 REPRESENTING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, AS A RESULT OF COLLECTIVE  
2 BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER § 6-408 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (B) WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF A  
4 WRITTEN AGREEMENT, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

5 (1) POST A COPY OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT ON THE PUBLIC  
6 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEBSITE;

7 (2) SUBMIT A COPY OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO THE STATE  
8 BOARD;

9 (3) MAKE A COPY OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT AVAILABLE FOR  
10 PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT A CONVENIENT  
11 LOCATION IN THE MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
12 SYSTEM; AND

13 (4) SUBMIT A COPY OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO THE  
14 LARGEST PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S  
15 JURISDICTION.

16 (C) THE STATE BOARD, ON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT,  
17 SHALL:

18 (1) CREATE A REPOSITORY TO STORE THE WRITTEN  
19 AGREEMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY BOARDS;

20 (2) MAKE COPIES OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS AVAILABLE  
21 FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT A CONVENIENT  
22 AND IDENTIFIED LOCATION; AND

23 (3) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE BOARD:

24 (I) POST COPIES OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS ON THE  
25 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE; OR

26 (II) PROVIDE HYPERLINKS TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S  
27 WEBSITE.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, within 30 days after the  
29 enactment of this Act, each county board of education and the State Board of  
30 Education shall adopt and distribute all existing Collective Bargaining Agreements  
31 between public school systems and the employee organizations representing

1 certificated employees of the public school systems, based on the provisions set forth  
2 under Section 1 of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2008.