

SENATE BILL 409

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Office Discipline Referrals –**
3 **Accountability Policy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~State~~ Anne Arundel County Board of Education to
5 develop a certain ~~model~~ policy for accounting for certain office discipline
6 referrals submitted in certain schools ~~by~~ on or before a certain date; requiring a
7 certain ~~model~~ policy to include certain information; ~~requiring certain county~~
8 ~~boards of education to establish certain policies to account for certain office~~
9 ~~discipline referrals submitted in certain schools; requiring certain policies~~
10 ~~established by county boards of education to include certain components;~~
11 ~~requiring county boards to develop certain policies in consultation with certain~~
12 ~~groups; requiring certain county board policies to include information on certain~~
13 ~~procedures; requiring county boards to submit certain policies to the State~~
14 ~~Superintendent of Schools on or before a certain date; requiring the county~~
15 ~~board to implement a certain policy in certain public schools in a certain school~~
16 ~~year; requiring the county board to submit a certain report to the General~~
17 ~~Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the~~
18 ~~termination of this Act; and generally relating to an accountability policy by~~
19 ~~public schools~~ the Anne Arundel County Board of Education for office discipline
20 referrals.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Education

23 Section 7–311

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2008 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article - Education**

4 **7-311.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL" MEANS A
6 SCHOOL FORM THAT REFERS A STUDENT TO THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE
7 OFFICE TO ACT ON A DISCIPLINARY MATTER.

8 (B) (1) ~~ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2010, THE STATE BOARD, AFTER~~
9 ~~CONSULTATION WITH AND INPUT FROM LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ANNE~~
10 ~~ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL POLICY~~
11 ~~FOR ACCOUNTING FOR ALL OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS SUBMITTED IN~~
12 ~~SCHOOLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.~~

13 (2) THE ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER
14 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

15 (I) A SYSTEM FOR ASSIGNING EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE
16 REFERRAL A UNIQUE NUMBER; AND

17 (II) A METHOD FOR PROVIDING A COPY OF THE NUMBERED
18 OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING THE OFFICE
19 DISCIPLINE REFERRAL AT THE TIME IT IS SUBMITTED.

20 ~~(2) THE MODEL POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF~~
21 ~~THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:~~

22 ~~(I) A STATEMENT REQUIRING ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE~~
23 ~~PROCESS FOR REPORTING OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS IN SCHOOLS;~~

24 ~~(II) MODEL PROCEDURES THAT ACCOUNT FOR AND TRACK~~
25 ~~EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN A~~
26 ~~SCHOOL; AND~~

27 ~~(III) MODEL PROCEDURES FOR THE PROMPT~~
28 ~~INVESTIGATION OF EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL.~~

29 (C) (1) ~~EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR~~
30 ~~ACCOUNTING FOR ALL OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS SUBMITTED IN THE~~
31 ~~SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.~~

1 ~~(2) THE POLICY SHALL INCLUDE THE COMPONENTS OF THE~~
2 ~~MODEL POLICY SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.~~

3 ~~(3) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP THE POLICY IN~~
4 ~~CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:~~

5 ~~(I) PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS;~~

6 ~~(II) SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND ADMINISTRATORS;~~

7 ~~(III) SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS;~~

8 ~~(IV) STUDENTS; AND~~

9 ~~(V) MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.~~

10 ~~(D) EACH COUNTY BOARD POLICY SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON~~
11 ~~THE PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNTING FOR EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL,~~
12 ~~INCLUDING THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE~~
13 ~~DEPARTMENT, DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE~~
14 ~~ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL SYSTEM.~~

15 ~~(E) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ITS POLICY TO THE STATE~~
16 ~~SUPERINTENDENT BY JULY 1, 2010.~~

17 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE POLICY DEVELOPED
18 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN ALL SCHOOLS UNDER THE
19 JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.

20 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2012, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL
21 SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
22 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION AND STATUS OF THE OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL
24 ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30,
27 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.