

SENATE BILL 161

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By: **Senators Simonaire and Reilly**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2010

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop
5 a certain policy for accounting for certain office discipline referrals submitted in
6 certain schools on or before a certain date; requiring a certain policy to include
7 certain information; requiring the county board to implement a certain policy in
8 certain public schools in a certain school year; requiring the county board to
9 submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
10 defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
11 relating to an accountability policy by the Anne Arundel County Board of
12 Education for office discipline referrals.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Education
15 Section 7–311
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–311.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL” MEANS A**
23 **SCHOOL FORM THAT REFERS A STUDENT TO THE SCHOOL’S ADMINISTRATIVE**
24 **OFFICE TO ACT ON A DISCIPLINARY MATTER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2011, THE ANNE ARUNDEL**
2 **COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP A POLICY FOR ACCOUNTING**
3 **FOR ALL OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS SUBMITTED IN SCHOOLS WITHIN THE**
4 **JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.**

5 **(2) THE ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER**
6 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

7 **(I) A SYSTEM FOR ASSIGNING EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE**
8 **REFERRAL A UNIQUE NUMBER; AND**

9 **(II) A METHOD FOR PROVIDING A COPY OF THE NUMBERED**
10 **OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING THE OFFICE**
11 **DISCIPLINE REFERRAL AT THE TIME IT IS SUBMITTED.**

12 **(C) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE POLICY DEVELOPED**
13 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN ALL SCHOOLS UNDER THE**
14 **JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE 2011–2012 SCHOOL YEAR.**

15 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2013, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL**
16 **SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE**
17 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**
18 **IMPLEMENTATION AND STATUS OF THE OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL**
19 **ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30,
22 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.