

Chapter 238

(House Bill 178)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Office Discipline Referrals – ~~Accountability~~ Policy

FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education ~~to develop a certain policy for accounting for certain office discipline referrals submitted in certain schools on or before a certain date; requiring a certain policy to include certain information; requiring the county board to implement a certain policy in certain public schools in a certain school year;~~ to establish a certain committee to develop a policy on administering office discipline referrals in the county; providing for the membership and chair of the committee; requiring the committee to develop and recommend a policy and certain guidelines regarding the administration of the office discipline referrals in the county to the county board for the county board's approval on or before a certain date; requiring the county board to submit present a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date Anne Arundel County Delegation before the end of a certain period of time; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to an accountability a policy by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education for office discipline referrals.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–311

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7–311.

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

~~(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2011, THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP A POLICY FOR ACCOUNTING~~

~~FOR ALL OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS SUBMITTED IN SCHOOLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.~~

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

~~(i) A SYSTEM FOR ASSIGNING EACH OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL A UNIQUE NUMBER; AND~~

~~(ii) A METHOD FOR PROVIDING A COPY OF THE NUMBERED OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING THE OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL AT THE TIME IT IS SUBMITTED.~~

~~(C) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN ALL SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.~~

(B) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTERING OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS IN THE COUNTY.

(C) THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, OF WHOM:

(i) ONE SHALL BE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER;
AND

(ii) ONE SHALL BE A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER;

(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, OF WHOM:

(i) ONE SHALL BE AN ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND

(ii) ONE SHALL BE AN ADMINISTRATOR OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL;

(3) ONE MEMBER OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY-WIDE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

(4) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT; AND

(5) TWO MEMBERS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION; AND

(6) ONE MEMBER OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(D) THE MEMBER OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(6) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

(E) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011, THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND A POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS IN THE COUNTY TO THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE COUNTY BOARD'S APPROVAL.

~~(D)~~ (F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2013 BEFORE THE END OF THE 2011 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PRESENT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND STATUS OF THE APPROVED OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRAL ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~4 years~~ 1 year and, at the end of June 30, ~~2014~~ 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.