

Chapter 466

(Senate Bill 143)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Comprehensive Master Plans

FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of education to submit certain updates to the board's comprehensive master plan on or before certain dates; altering certain dates by which a local board of education is required to submit a certain master plan and certain updates to the plan; and generally relating to comprehensive master plans and updates to master plans submitted by local boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–401(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

5–401.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Local performance standards” means standards for student and school performance developed by a county board.
- (3) “Plan” means a comprehensive master plan.
- (4) “State performance standards” means standards for student and school performance approved by the State Board.

(5) “Update” means an annual update to a county board’s comprehensive master plan.

(b) (1) Each county board shall develop and implement a comprehensive master plan that describes the goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to improve student achievement and meet State performance standards and local performance standards in each segment of the student population.

(2) (i) Each county board shall submit a plan to the Department on or before October 1, 2003.

(ii) Each county board shall submit an update to the plan required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for review and approval by the State Superintendent of Schools on or before:

1. October 15, [2008] **2012**;
2. October 15, [2009] **2013**; AND
3. October 15, [2010; and
4. October 15, 2011] **2014**.

(3) (i) On or before October 15, [2012] **2015**, each county board shall submit a plan to the Department.

(ii) Beginning in [2013] **2016**, each county board shall submit an annual update for review and approval by the State Superintendent of Schools on or before October 15 of each year.

(4) (i) Subject to subsection (i) of this section, the plan and updates required under paragraph (3) of this subsection shall cover a 5–year period.

(ii) At least 30 days before submitting a plan or update to the Department, a county board shall provide a copy of the proposed plan or update, with a copy of the final plan or update to follow, to the:

1. County council and if applicable, county executive; or
2. County commissioners.

(5) Each county board shall submit with the update required under paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection:

(i) A detailed summary of how the board's current year approved budget and increases in expenditures over the prior year are consistent with the master plan; and

(ii) A summary of how the board's actual prior year budget and additional expenditures in the prior year's budget aligned with the master plan.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.