

# SENATE BILL 719

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Professional Development Evaluation Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to develop and  
4 implement certain professional development evaluation systems; requiring  
5 certain county boards to report annually to the State Department of Education  
6 certain results from its professional development evaluation system on or before  
7 a certain date; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General  
8 Assembly certain information and certain recommendations on or before a  
9 certain date; and generally relating to the evaluation of professional  
10 development activities for teachers.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 6–122

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **6–122.**

20 **(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A**  
21 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION SYSTEM THAT:**

22 **(1) IS BASED ON TEACHER FEEDBACK THROUGH SURVEYS AND**  
23 **OTHER INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) WILL ENABLE THE COUNTY BOARD TO:**

2                   **(I) ASSESS TEACHER SATISFACTION WITH PROFESSIONAL**  
3 **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; AND**

4                   **(II) MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND RELEVANCY OF**  
5 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

6           **(B) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD**  
7 **SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE RESULTS OF ITS PROFESSIONAL**  
8 **DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION SYSTEM FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

9           **(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE**  
10 **DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
11 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON**  
12 **THE RESULTS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
13 **SECTION.**

14                   **(2) THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
15 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

16                           **(I) INFORMATION REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND**  
17 **RELEVANCY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE; AND**

18                           **(II) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF**  
19 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT MAY INCLUDE THE CREATION**  
20 **OF STATEWIDE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS TO REWARD LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**  
21 **THAT MODIFY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY IN**  
22 **RESPONSE TO THE RESULTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
23 **EVALUATION SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2014.