

# HOUSE BILL 1449

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Modifying or Closing Public School Facility – Review by**  
3 **Community Task Force**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that, before taking final action concerning the continued use  
5 of a certain public school facility, the Baltimore City Department of Planning shall  
6 appoint a community task force to review and make recommendations concerning  
7 the future use of the public school facility; specifying that the task force include  
8 certain members; and generally relating to the modification or closure of certain  
9 programs and public school facilities in Baltimore City and the engagement of a  
10 community task force to review and make recommendations concerning the use of  
11 the public school facility.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 4–301(g)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Education  
19 Section 4–320  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 4–301.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) "Public school facility" means a building, parking facility, athletic facility,  
2 testing facility, or other facility in the City of Baltimore, now existing or hereafter acquired  
3 or constructed, that is used by the board in relation to the education of students in the  
4 Baltimore City Public School System.

5 **4-320.**

6 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES WHEN THE BOARD CONSIDERS WHETHER TO:**

7 (1) **DISCONTINUE A PROGRAM OFFERED TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN**  
8 **THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND CLOSE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
9 **FACILITY IN WHICH THE PROGRAM IS HOUSED;**

10 (2) **CLOSE A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY AND DECLARE THE PUBLIC**  
11 **SCHOOL FACILITY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; OR**

12 (3) **MODIFY THE ONGOING USE OF AN ACADEMIC SPACE IN A PUBLIC**  
13 **SCHOOL FACILITY.**

14 (B) (1) **BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES FINAL ACTION ON A MATTER**  
15 **DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BALTIMORE CITY**  
16 **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL APPOINT A COMMUNITY TASK FORCE TO**  
17 **EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ANY FUTURE USE OF THE**  
18 **PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY, INCLUDING ANY REAL PROPERTY THAT IS PART OF THE**  
19 **PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY.**

20 (2) **THE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE SHALL INCLUDE:**

21 (i) **RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE PUBLIC**  
22 **SCHOOL FACILITY IS LOCATED; AND**

23 (ii) **REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
24 **THAT ARE LOCATED IN OR THAT SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE**  
25 **PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IS LOCATED.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2017.