HOUSE BILL 1521

By: Howard County Delegation
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020
Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Sales of Residential Real Property – Notice of School District Boundary Changes

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FOR the purpose of requiring a contract for the sale of residential real property in Howard County to contain a certain notice concerning school district boundary changes; and generally relating to notice of school district boundary changes in the sale of residential real property in Howard County.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 10–711
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Real Property

10–711.

A CONTRACT OF SALE FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN HOWARD COUNTY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE WRITTEN IN CONSPICUOUS, BOLD, AND UNDERSCORED TYPE:

“NOTICE TO HOME BUYER REGARDING HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
BY SIGNING THIS ADDENDUM, THE BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE
HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (HCPSS) SCHOOLS DESIGNATED FOR
THIS PROPERTY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE BUYER HAS NO ASSURANCE THAT
THE CURRENT HCPSS SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS PROPERTY (COMMONLY
KNOWN AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT) WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ANY PERIOD OF
TIME. THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PERIODICALLY REVIEWS AND
AMENDS THE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES FOR EACH SCHOOL AND IS ULTIMATELY
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE ASSIGNED SCHOOLS AND THEIR
BOUNDARIES.”.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
1, 2020.