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HOWARD COUNTY DELEGATION

Howard County Delegation Hearing on Proposed Local Legislation

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at 7:30pm

Livestream available on [MGA website](#)

The order on the agenda does not reflect the order in which bills will be heard.

Howard County Board of Education – School Safety Personnel (Delegate Atterbeary School Resource Officers Act of 2022), Ho. Co. 1-22

By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to develop a plan to implement certain school safety guidelines that replaces school resource officers in public schools in Howard County with adequate law enforcement coverage provided by school coverage officers, effectively addresses the need for certain personnel, and requires school coverage officers and school security employees to complete a certain model training program; defining the term “school coverage officer”; requiring the county board to solicit and incorporate input from stakeholders in the Howard County Public School System and school community; and generally relating to school safety personnel in Howard County.

Howard County – Due Process Proceedings for Children with Disabilities – Burden of Proof, Ho. Co. 2-22

By: Senator Hester

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to bear the burden of proof in due process proceedings that initiate from a due process complaint regarding the provision of special education services or a program for a child with disabilities in Howard County except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the burden of proof in due process proceedings and the Howard County Board of Education.

Howard County -- Sheriff -- Salary, Ho. Co. 3-22

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the sheriff of Howard County; and generally relating to the salary of the sheriff of Howard County.

Howard County – Department of Housing and Community Development – Housing Opportunities Trust Fund, Ho. Co. 5-22

By: Delegate Feldmark and Senator Guzzone

FOR the purpose of establishing the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund as a non-reverting special fund to be used to promote equitable access to affordable housing for households of limited income in Howard County; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development for Howard County to report on the activity of the Fund during the prior fiscal year on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to funding for affordable housing in Howard County.

Circuit Court for Howard County – Judges Sitting as Orphans’ Court, Ho. Co. 06–22

By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of requiring the judges of the Circuit Court for Howard County to sit as the Orphans’ Court for Howard County; repealing a requirement that the qualified voters of Howard County elect three Orphans’ Court judges for the county; exempting Howard County from a provision of law authorizing a party to appeal a final judgment of an orphans’ court to the circuit court of the county; and generally relating to the Circuit Court and Orphans’ Court for Howard County.

Howard County – Commercial Building Excise Tax – Board of Education Deferred Maintenance Ho. Co. 8-22

By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose an excise tax on commercial building construction; requiring the excise tax revenue to be used only for deferred maintenance needs identified by the Howard County Board of Education; and generally relating to a commercial building excise tax in Howard County and deferred maintenance in the Howard County Public School System.

Howard County – Public Schools – Alternative Instruction Model Policy, Ho. Co. 9-22

By: Delegate Watson

FOR the purpose of providing that the use of an alternative instruction model constitutes a certain public school being open for pupil attendance for the purposes of meeting certain school day and hour requirements; authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to adopt a policy allowing a public school in the county to use an alternative instruction model under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an alternative instruction model policy in Howard County public schools.

Howard County – Property Tax – Credit for Seniors to Offset Property Tax Rate Increase, Ho. Co. 10-22

By: Senator Lam

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by an individual who meets certain age, income, and residency requirements; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the credit; and generally relating to a property tax credit for senior citizen homeowners in Howard County.

Howard County – Liquor Licensing, Ho. Co. 11-22

By: Delegate Hill

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County from issuing or renewing a Class A license in a certain geographic sector of an election district if the issuance or renewal will result in the proportion of Class A licenses within the geographic sector exceeding the proportion of the population of the election district that resides in that geographic sector; requiring the Board to publish and regularly update certain information on the Board’s website; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

Howard County - Disposable Bag Fees - Exemption, Ho.Co. 12-22

By: Delegate Hill

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a disposable bag fee imposed by Howard County from being applied to the sale of products purchased with certain federal nutrition benefits; and generally relating to disposable bag fees in Howard County.

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Consumption Only Shopping Mall Plaza License and Special Event Permit, Ho. Co. 13-22

By: Senator Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue a consumption only shopping mall plaza license and special event permit to the owner of a commercial shopping mall if the mall meets certain criteria; authorizing the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in a designated outdoor area if the beer, wine, or liquor is purchased from certain restaurants; establishing a shopping mall plaza special event permit; providing that the permit authorizes certain restaurants to operate additional bars or service counters for the sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages in a designated outdoor plaza during a special event; and generally relating to a consumption only shopping mall plaza license and special event permit in Howard County.

Legislative Bond Initiatives:

- Accessible Trail Extension: \$130,000
- Bain 50+ Center: \$350,000
- Barnard Fort House: \$150,000
- Blandair Mansion: \$500,000
- Centennial Park West Area Playground: \$200,000
- Days End Horse Farm Rescue Firehouse Redevelopment: \$500,000
- Existing East Columbia 50+ Center: \$250,000
- Ellicott City Drop-Arm Barriers: \$175,000
- Ellicott City Jail Rehabilitation: \$500,000
- Grassroots Crisis Services: \$500,000
- Historic Ellicott City Downtown Wayfinding: \$250,000
- Howard County Last Mile Fiber and Public Wifi: \$500,000
- Howard County Veterans Monument: \$650,000
- Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center: \$150,000
- Maryland Innovation Center: \$300,000
- Patuxent Commons: \$500,000

Rockburn Branch Park Playground: \$150,000
Route 40 Pedestrian Bridge: \$150,000
Safe Haven Equine Warriors, Inc Capital Campaign: \$100,000
Waterloo Park Playground: \$150,000
West Friendship Park: \$400,000