

# HOUSE BILL 665

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Air Quality ~~Testing~~ ~~Posting Online~~**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt  
4 regulations to set minimal standards for air quality standards; requiring each county  
5 board of education to ~~retain~~ utilize the services of a qualified indoor air quality  
6 investigator to conduct any indoor air quality tests the board chooses to have  
7 conducted in a public school in the county; requiring a county board ~~and the State~~  
8 ~~Department of Education~~, on receipt of a request by a member of the public for the  
9 results of an indoor air quality test, to ~~post the results on its website~~ provide the  
10 results in a certain manner; requiring county boards of education to report to the  
11 Interagency Commission certain information on air quality standards on or before a  
12 certain date; requiring the Interagency Commission to compile and report certain  
13 information to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
14 and generally relating to indoor air quality ~~testing~~ in public schools.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section ~~7-447.2~~ 5-327

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



## Article - Education

~~7-447.2, 5-327.~~

(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ~~RETAIN~~ UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED INDOOR AIR QUALITY INVESTIGATOR TO CONDUCT ANY INDOOR AIR QUALITY TESTING THE BOARD CHOOSES TO HAVE CONDUCTED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.

(B) (1) ON RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF AN INDOOR AIR QUALITY TEST, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

~~(I) POST THE RESULTS ON ITS WEBSITE; AND~~

~~(II) SUBMIT~~ SUBMIT THE RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION.

(2) ON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO VIEW THE RESULTS OF AN INDOOR AIR QUALITY TEST, THE ~~DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE RESULTS ON ITS WEBSITE~~ COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE RESULTS TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

(3) THE RESULTS ~~POSTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1)(I) AND~~ PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:

(I) WRITTEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CLEAR AND EASY FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND; AND

~~(II) POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION THAT IS EASY FOR THE PUBLIC TO FIND AND ACCESS~~ PROVIDED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(C) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING MINIMAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before August 1, 2023, the Interagency Commission on School Construction shall adopt regulations establishing minimal air quality standards in schools.

(b) On or before December 1, 2023, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, shall report to the Interagency Commission on School Construction:

1           (1) each county board of education’s own air quality standards and where  
2 they exceed the Interagency Commission’s minimal standards, adopted under subsection  
3 (a) of this section;

4           (2) how each county board of education plans to implement its air quality  
5 standards; and

6           (3) the schedule each county board of education proposes to bring each  
7 public school within the county board’s jurisdiction in compliance with the county board’s  
8 air quality standards.

9           (c) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall:

10           (1) compile the reports received under subsection (b) of this section; and

11           (2) report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State  
12 Government Article, the General Assembly, the information compiled under item (1) of this  
13 subsection.

14           SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.