A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning
2 Education – Public Schools – Instruction in Print and Cursive Handwriting
3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to require each public
4 elementary school in the county to provide instruction in print and cursive
5 handwriting to students beginning in a certain school year; and generally relating to
6 handwriting instruction in public schools.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Education
9 Section 4–141
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 Article – Education

15 4–141.

16 BEGINNING IN THE 2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL
17 REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE
18 HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION THAT ENABLES STUDENTS TO DEVELOP:

19 (1) LEGIBLE PRINT HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE THIRD GRADE;
20 AND

21 (2) LEGIBLE CURSIVE HANDWRITING BY THE END OF THE FIFTH
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.