

# HOUSE BILL 5

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By: **Delegate Hartman**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Playground Accessibility – Communication Boards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to construct communication  
4 boards in each public school playground on or before a certain date; and generally  
5 relating to public school playground communication boards.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–132

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 **7–132.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMUNICATION BOARD” MEANS A DEVICE THAT**  
16 **DISPLAYS PHOTOS, SYMBOLS, OR ILLUSTRATIONS TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS WITH**  
17 **LIMITED LANGUAGE SKILLS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND COMMUNICATE.**

18 **(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2028, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL**  
19 **CONSTRUCT A COMMUNICATION BOARD IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**  
20 **UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2023.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



