

# HOUSE BILL 1196

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By: **Delegate Smith**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~County Boards of Education~~ **Blueprint for Maryland's Future Implementation**  
3 ~~Coordinator Salary Grant~~ **– Funding and Independent Evaluation –**  
4 **Alterations**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State, for certain fiscal years, to provide a grant to each~~  
6 ~~county board of education for the salary of a Blueprint for Maryland's Future~~  
7 ~~implementation coordinator in each county; altering certain education funding~~  
8 ~~formulas; requiring, for certain fiscal years, each county board of education to~~  
9 ~~provide for the salary of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future implementation~~  
10 ~~coordinator in the county; requiring the funding for the salary of the implementation~~  
11 ~~coordinator to be paid for by the State and the county in a certain proportion; altering~~  
12 ~~the dates by which the entity contracted by the Accountability and Implementation~~  
13 ~~Board to perform an independent evaluation of the implementation of the Blueprint~~  
14 ~~for Maryland's Future is required to report to the Board and the Board is required~~  
15 ~~to report to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally relating to a~~  
16 ~~salary grant to county boards for the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's~~  
17 ~~Future implementation coordinators~~ **and education funding.**

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article – Education

20 Section ~~5–404(b)(2)~~ **5–235(a)(1), 5–404(b)(2), and 5–410(a) and (b)**

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2022 Replacement Volume)

23 **BY adding to**

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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.



1 Article – Education  
 2 Section 5–235(a–2) and (p)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2022 Replacement Volume)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 6 Article – Education  
 7 Section 5–404(h) and 5–410(c) and (d)  
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 9 (2022 Replacement Volume)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 11 Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
 12 Section 16(d)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 5–235.

17 (a) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (o) of this section and beginning in fiscal  
 18 year 2023, the county governing body shall levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient  
 19 to provide an amount of revenue for elementary and secondary public education purposes  
 20 equal to the local share of major education aid as adjusted under § 5–239 of this subtitle.

21 (ii) For the purposes of calculating the local share of major education  
 22 aid and regardless of the source of the funds, all funds that a county board, including the  
 23 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, is authorized to expend for schools may be  
 24 considered as levied by the county council, board of county commissioners, or the Mayor  
 25 and City Council of Baltimore except for:

- 26 1. State appropriations;  
 27 2. Federal education aid payments; and  
 28 3. The amount of the expenditure authorized for debt service  
 29 and capital outlay.

30 **(A–2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE LOCAL SHARE OF MAJOR EDUCATION AID**  
 31 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY AN ADDITIONAL**  
 32 **\$10,000,000 FOR A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT:**

1 (1) PARTICIPATED AS A WHOLE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
2 AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION IN THE 2022–2023 SCHOOL  
3 YEAR; AND

4 (2) HAD THE LARGEST FULL–TIME ENROLLMENT OF ALL LOCAL  
5 SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
6 AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION IN THE 2022–2023 SCHOOL  
7 YEAR.

8 (P) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT” MEANS  
9 THE TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION DIVIDED BY THE SQUARE MILES IN THE COUNTY.

10 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE  
11 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO A LOCAL SCHOOL  
12 SYSTEM IN A COUNTY WITH:

13 (I) A POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT OF LESS THAN 100; AND

14 (II) A FULL–TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT OF  
15 FEWER THAN 2,000.

16 5–404.

17 (b) (2) State and local government units responsible for implementing an  
18 element of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future shall develop implementation plans  
19 consistent with the Comprehensive Implementation Plan that describe the goals,  
20 objectives, and strategies that will be used to improve student achievement and meet the  
21 Blueprint for Maryland’s Future recommendations for each segment of the student  
22 population.

23 (h) (1) For each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026, the governing body of a  
24 county and the local school system jointly shall appoint a single implementation  
25 coordinator responsible for the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future by  
26 all government units operating in the county.

27 ~~(2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026, THE STATE SHALL~~  
28 ~~PROVIDE A GRANT OF \$150,000 TO EACH COUNTY BOARD FOR THE SALARY OF THE~~  
29 ~~IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH~~  
30 ~~(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

31 (2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026, EACH COUNTY  
32 BOARD SHALL PROVIDE \$150,000 FOR THE SALARY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
33 COORDINATOR APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
34 SUBSECTION.

1           (3) FUNDING FOR THE SALARY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
2 COORDINATOR PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
3 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID BY THE STATE AND THE  
4 COUNTY IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-213  
5 OF THIS TITLE.

6 5-410.

7           (a) In addition to its own assessments and tracking of progress, required under §  
8 5-406 of this subtitle, the Board shall contract with a public or private entity to conduct an  
9 independent evaluation of the State's progress in implementing the Blueprint for  
10 Maryland's Future and achieving the expected outcomes during the implementation period.

11           (b) The independent evaluation shall include an assessment of:

12                   (1) The use of additional funding to meet the goals of the Blueprint for  
13 Maryland's Future;

14                   (2) Progress toward the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and  
15 whether the goals have been achieved; and

16                   (3) Any recommendations to alter the goals or strategies employed to reach  
17 the goals, including new uses for existing funds or additional funding.

18           (c)   (1) An entity with which the Board contracts for an independent evaluation  
19 shall report its results to the Board on or before:

20                           (i) [October 1, 2024] **DECEMBER 1, 2026**; and

21                           (ii) October 1, 2030.

22                   (2) The Board shall contract for each independent evaluation as soon as  
23 practicable.

24           (d)   (1)   (i) On or before [December 1, 2024] **JANUARY 15, 2027**, the Board  
25 shall, using the first independent evaluation and its own judgment, report to the Governor  
26 and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly  
27 on whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and  
28 achieving the expected outcomes.

29                           (ii) The Board's report shall include an assessment of the State's  
30 progress towards:

31                                   1. Increasing the number of teachers achieving National  
32 Board Certification;

1                                   2.     Providing full-day prekindergarten programs for 3- and  
2 4-year-olds in accordance with Title 7, Subtitle 1A of this article;

3                                   3.     Improving behavioral health services in accordance with §  
4 7-447 of this article; and

5                                   4.     Ensuring that students enrolled in public schools meet  
6 college and career standards in accordance with § 7-205.1 of this article.

7                                   (iii)   The Board's report shall include any legislative or structural  
8 corrections necessary to fully implement the Blueprint.

9                                   (2)     On or before December 1, 2030, the Board shall report on the results of  
10 the final independent evaluation to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the  
11 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

12                               (3)     The Board's reports under this subsection shall include:

13                                   (i)     Practices being used to close achievement gaps between students  
14 of different groups listed in § 5-408(a)(2)(i) of this subtitle;

15                                   (ii)    Progress made in closing the achievement gaps listed under item  
16 (i) of this paragraph; and

17                                   (iii)   Assessments of student outcomes listed under § 5-408(a)(2)(ii) of  
18 this subtitle, disaggregated by race, income, ethnicity, and gender.

### 19                                   **Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2021**

20                               SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

21                                   (d)     In the independent evaluation and report to be submitted to the Governor and  
22 the General Assembly on or before [December 1, 2024] **JANUARY 15, 2027**, as required  
23 under § 5-410(d)(1) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act, the Accountability and  
24 Implementation Board shall report whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being  
25 implemented as intended and is achieving expected outcomes.

26                               SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2023.