

Chapter 261

(House Bill 1440)

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County Public Schools – Differences in Capital Budget Proposals –
Report****Ho. Co. 16–24**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a certain report on the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of Schools' proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard County Board of Education; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit a certain report to the General Assembly under certain circumstances; requiring the Howard County Superintendent, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a certain report on the differences between the capital improvement program approved by the Howard County Board of Education in the immediately preceding year and the Howard County Superintendent's proposed capital improvement program; requiring the Howard County Superintendent to submit a certain report to the General Assembly under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the capital budget of Howard County Public Schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5–330

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Education**5–330.**

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) (1) IF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS DIFFERENCES FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET, THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT ON THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEBSITE WITHIN 30 DAYS THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

(II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

(2) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(C) (1) IF THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS’ PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HAS DIFFERENCES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT ON THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM’S WEBSITE WITHIN 30 DAYS THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR AND THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND

(II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

(2) THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-157 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.