

HOUSE BILL 1555

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Oversight Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the length of the term of the members of the Accountability
4 and Implementation Board; authorizing a public school or local school system to
5 appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings after receiving a decision by the
6 Accountability and Implementation Board to withhold certain funds after a certain
7 appeals process; establishing the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Stakeholder
8 Advisory Council; providing for the purpose, composition, terms, and duties of the
9 Council; providing that the Accountability and Implementation Board is under the
10 jurisdiction of the Inspector General for Education; establishing the Joint Oversight
11 Committee on the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; providing for the composition,
12 terms, and duties of the Joint Oversight Committee; requiring the Office of
13 Legislative Audits to conduct a performance audit of the Accountability and
14 Implementation Board at certain intervals; providing for the termination of the
15 terms of members of the Accountability and Implementation Board; and generally
16 relating to oversight requirements for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 5–402(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Education
24 Section 5–402(d) and 5–405
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

27 BY adding to
28 Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 5–415
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
5 Article – Education
6 Section 9.10–101(a) and (b) and 9.10–104(b)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 9.10–104(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 2–10A–16 and 2–1220(i)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – State Government
21 Section 2–1220(a) and (b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Education**

27 5–402.

28 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2020, and continuing until June 30, 2032, there is an
29 Accountability and Implementation Board.

30 (d) (1) (i) The Board is composed of seven members appointed by the
31 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, chosen from a slate prepared by the
32 Nominating Committee established under § 5–403 of this subtitle.

33 (ii) When appointing members of the Board, the Governor shall
34 select from the slate of nominees nominated in accordance with § 5–403(c) of this subtitle.

1 (iii) The Governor shall appoint members to the Board within 30 days
2 after the date on which the Governor receives the slate of nominees nominated in
3 accordance with § 5–403(c) of this subtitle.

4 (2) The Board shall consist of individuals who collectively:

5 (i) Reflect, to the extent practicable, the geographic, racial, ethnic,
6 cultural, and gender diversity of the State; and

7 (ii) Have a high level of knowledge and expertise in:

8 1. Early education through secondary education policy;

9 2. Postsecondary education policy;

10 3. Teaching in public schools;

11 4. Strategies used by top-performing state and national
12 education systems in the world;

13 5. Leading and implementing systemic change in complex
14 organizations; and

15 6. Financial auditing and accounting.

16 (3) The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
17 House of Delegates jointly shall appoint a chair of the Board from among the Board's
18 members.

19 (4) A member of the Board:

20 (i) May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

21 (ii) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
22 State Travel Regulations for duties performed under this subtitle.

23 (5) (i) The term of a member is [6] 4 years.

24 (ii) The terms of the members are staggered as follows:

25 1. The terms of three initial members shall terminate on July
26 1, 2024;

27 2. The terms of two initial members shall terminate on July
28 1, 2025; and

1 (iii) An Expert Review Team established under § 5–411 of this
2 subtitle; or

3 (2) The Board determines that a public school or local school system has
4 made sufficient progress on an implementation plan or taken appropriate steps to improve
5 student performance.

6 [(e)] (D) The Board may withhold more than 25% of the increase in the State
7 share of major education aid over the amount provided in the current fiscal year from a
8 public school or local school system, if, in the judgment of the Board:

9 (1) A local school system has not made satisfactory efforts to develop or
10 revise the implementation plan required to be approved by the Board under § 5–404 of this
11 subtitle;

12 (2) A public school or local school system has not made sufficient progress
13 on its implementation plan; or

14 (3) A public school or local school system has not taken appropriate steps
15 to improve student performance.

16 [(f)] (E) In determining whether to release or withhold additional funds under
17 this section, the Board shall consider whether a public school or local school system has
18 been responsive to the recommendations of the Department, the Career and Technical
19 Education Committee, an Expert Review Team, and the Board's staff.

20 [(g)] (F) The Board shall notify the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
21 the Speaker of the House of Delegates of a decision not to release funds or to withhold
22 additional funds.

23 [(h)] (G) (1) If the Board finds that funding should not be released under
24 subsection (c) [or subsection (d)] of this section, the Board shall, on or before December 1,
25 issue an initial warning to the public school principal or county superintendent that funds
26 may not be released in the next fiscal year.

27 (2) A warning issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall inform
28 the local principal or county superintendent of:

29 (i) The findings by the Board and the reasoning for the findings; and

30 (ii) Any steps that may be undertaken to remedy the finding.

31 (3) On or before February 1, the Board shall make a final determination on
32 whether to release funds under this section for the next fiscal year.

1 (4) If a public school or local school system makes progress in some areas
2 but not in others, the Board may determine that a portion of the funds may be released
3 while a portion may be withheld.

4 **[(i)] (H)** The Board shall notify the State Superintendent and the Comptroller
5 for purposes of § 5–205 of this title by June 1 of each year of the Board’s final decision to
6 release, not release, or withhold additional funds under this section in the next fiscal year.

7 **[(j)] (I)** (1) The Board may determine it is necessary to release or withhold
8 funds for the current fiscal year.

9 (2) The Board shall notify the State Superintendent and the Comptroller
10 as soon as practicable for purposes of § 5–205 of this title if it decides to release or withhold
11 additional funds during the current fiscal year.

12 **[(k)] (J)** The Board shall develop an appeals process through which a public
13 school or local school system may contest the withholding of funds under this section.

14 **(K) (1) A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY APPEAL TO
15 THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A
16 DECISION ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO WITHHOLD FUNDS UNDER THE APPEALS
17 PROCESS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION.**

18 **(2) AN APPEAL HEARING SHALL BE HELD IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IS LOCATED.**

20 **(3) IF, AFTER REVIEWING ALL OF THE EVIDENCE, THE
21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FINDS THAT THE DECISION TO WITHHOLD FUNDS BY
22 THE BOARD WAS ARBITRARY, CAPRICIOUS, OR CONTRARY TO THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FROM AN ENTITY UNDER
24 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SHALL:**

25 **(I) ISSUE A DECISION AND ORDER STATING THE JUDGE’S
26 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; AND**

27 **(II) ISSUE AND CAUSE TO BE SERVED ON THE BOARD AN ORDER
28 REQUIRING THE BOARD TO:**

29 **1. CEASE AND DESIST FROM WITHHOLDING THE
30 FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND**

31 **2. TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE
32 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

1 **(4) A DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE UNDER THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION IS FINAL.**

3 **5-415.**

4 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
5 **INDICATED.**

6 **(2) “BOARD” MEANS THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION**
7 **BOARD.**

8 **(3) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE**
9 **STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

10 **(B) (1) THERE IS A BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE**
11 **STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

12 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO ADVISE THE GENERAL**
13 **ASSEMBLY ON WHETHER POLICIES ADOPTED OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD**
14 **ARE FEASIBLE AND EFFECTIVE AT THE CLASSROOM LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION.**

15 **(C) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING NINE MEMBERS,**
16 **APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE**
17 **HOUSE:**

18 **(1) ONE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT FROM A RURAL LOCAL SCHOOL**
19 **SYSTEM, NOMINATED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS’ ASSOCIATION**
20 **OF MARYLAND;**

21 **(2) ONE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT FROM A SUBURBAN OR URBAN**
22 **LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, NOMINATED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
23 **SUPERINTENDENTS’ ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;**

24 **(3) ONE MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NOMINATED**
25 **BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION;**

26 **(4) ONE TEACHER ACTIVELY TEACHING IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,**
27 **NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION;**

28 **(5) ONE TEACHER ACTIVELY TEACHING IN A MIDDLE OR HIGH**
29 **SCHOOL, NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION;**

1 **(6) ONE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ACTIVELY TEACHING IN A**
2 **PUBLIC SCHOOL, NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION;**

3 **(7) TWO PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN**
4 **THE STATE, NOMINATED BY FREE STATE PTA; AND**

5 **(8) ONE STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL, NOMINATED BY**
6 **THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS.**

7 **(D) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
8 **PARAGRAPH, THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE 4 YEARS.**

9 **(II) THE TERM OF THE MEMBER WHO IS A STUDENT SHALL BE 1**
10 **YEAR.**

11 **(2) ANY VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME**
12 **MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.**

13 **(E) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH QUARTER TO**
14 **REVIEW WHETHER THE POLICIES ADOPTED AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD ARE**
15 **FEASIBLE AND EFFECTIVE AT THE CLASSROOM LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION.**

16 **(2) IF AFTER A REVIEW UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**
17 **THE COUNCIL FINDS THAT ANY POLICY ADOPTED OR ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD**
18 **IS INFEASIBLE OR INEFFECTIVE AT THE CLASSROOM LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION,**
19 **THE COUNCIL SHALL SEND A WRITTEN NOTICE OF CONCERN TO THE GENERAL**
20 **ASSEMBLY THAT STATES:**

21 **(I) THE POLICY OR ACTION OF THE BOARD;**

22 **(II) THE ENTITY AFFECTED; AND**

23 **(III) DETAILED REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF**
24 **INFEASIBILITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS.**

25 **(F) THE COUNCIL IS SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

26 9.10–101.

27 **(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.**

28 **(b) “Inspector General” means the Inspector General in the Maryland Office of**
29 **the Inspector General for Education.**

1 9.10–104.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Inspector
3 General shall be responsible for examining and investigating the matters listed in
4 subsection (b) of this section with respect to the management and affairs of the following
5 entities:

6 (i) County boards, local school systems, and public schools;

7 (ii) Nonpublic schools that receive State funds;

8 (iii) The Department; [and]

9 (IV) **THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD;**

10 **AND**

11 **[(iv)] (V) The Interagency Commission on School Construction.**

12 (2) The Inspector General may not examine or investigate a nonpublic
13 school that does not receive State funds.

14 (b) The Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints or information
15 concerning:

16 (1) Instances of fraud, waste, or abuse involving the use of public funds and
17 property;

18 (2) Violations of civil rights, as defined in federal or State laws, of students
19 or employees of the entities listed in subsection (a) of this section;

20 (3) Whether policies and procedures governing the prevention and
21 reporting of child abuse and neglect comply with applicable federal and State laws on child
22 abuse and neglect; and

23 (4) Compliance with other applicable federal and State laws.

24 **Article – State Government**

25 **2–10A–16.**

26 (A) **THERE IS A JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE BLUEPRINT FOR**
27 **MARYLAND’S FUTURE.**

28 (B) (1) **THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 10 MEMBERS.**

29 (2) **OF THE 10 MEMBERS:**

1 **(I) 5 SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,**
2 **APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND**

3 **(II) 5 SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,**
4 **APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**

5 **(C) (1) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF**
6 **THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.**

7 **(2) (I) IF A VACANCY OCCURS AMONG THE SENATORS ON THE**
8 **COMMITTEE, A SUCCESSOR PROMPTLY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT**
9 **OF THE SENATE.**

10 **(II) IF A VACANCY OCCURS AMONG THE DELEGATES ON THE**
11 **COMMITTEE, A SUCCESSOR PROMPTLY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF**
12 **THE HOUSE.**

13 **(D) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, THE PRESIDENT**
14 **OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR TO SERVE AS THE SENATE CHAIR OF**
15 **THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL APPOINT A DELEGATE**
16 **TO SERVE AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.**

17 **(E) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE**
18 **COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.**

19 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF**
20 **ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.**

21 **(G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:**

22 **(1) HOLD AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROMPTLY AFTER THE**
23 **APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; AND**

24 **(2) HOLD ANY OTHER MEETINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS**
25 **NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.**

26 **(H) THE COMMITTEE MAY:**

27 **(1) HOLD A HEARING ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS**
28 **OF THE COMMITTEE; AND**

29 **(2) CONSIDER A VOTE ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION REFERRED TO THE**
30 **COMMITTEE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**

1 **(I) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE OVERSIGHT OVER THE**
2 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE AS OVERSEEN BY**
3 **THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
4 **IMPLEMENTATION BOARD.**

5 **(J) THE COMMITTEE MAY:**

6 **(1) REVIEW THE OUTPUT MEASURES AND OUTCOME MEASURES OF**
7 **THE COMPREHENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE BLUEPRINT FOR**
8 **MARYLAND'S FUTURE FOR ALIGNMENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL**
9 **ASSEMBLY FOR THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE;**

10 **(2) REVIEW ENFORCEMENT DECISIONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT**
11 **OF EDUCATION AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD FOR**
12 **CONSISTENCY AND FAIRNESS ACROSS LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE;**

13 **(3) REVIEW ALL DECISIONS OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
14 **IMPLEMENTATION BOARD TO WITHHOLD FUNDS FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR LOCAL**
15 **SCHOOL SYSTEM EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-405 OF THE**
16 **EDUCATION ARTICLE, BEFORE ANY FUNDS ARE WITHHELD; AND**

17 **(4) REQUIRE THE CHAIR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
18 **ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD TO SUBMIT ORAL TESTIMONY AT**
19 **LEAST ONE TIME EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR.**

20 **(K) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY**
21 **AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE.**

22 **(L) (1) IN CARRYING OUT ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS OR POWERS, THE**
23 **COMMITTEE MAY:**

24 **(I) ISSUE SUBPOENAS;**

25 **(II) COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES;**

26 **(III) COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF ANY PAPERS, BOOKS,**
27 **ACCOUNTS, DOCUMENTS, AND TESTIMONY;**

28 **(IV) ADMINISTER OATHS; AND**

29 **(V) CAUSE THE DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES WHO RESIDE IN OR**
30 **OUTSIDE THE STATE TO BE TAKEN IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW FOR TAKING**
31 **DEPOSITIONS IN A CIVIL CASE.**

1 **(2) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER**
2 **THIS SECTION OR FAILS TO TESTIFY ON ANY MATTER ON WHICH THE PERSON**
3 **LAWFULLY MAY BE INTERROGATED, ON PETITION OF A MEMBER OF THE**
4 **COMMITTEE, A CIRCUIT COURT MAY PASS AN ORDER DIRECTING COMPLIANCE WITH**
5 **THE SUBPOENA OR COMPELLING TESTIMONY AND MAY ENFORCE THE ORDER BY**
6 **PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT.**

7 **(3) VENUE AND PROCEDURES FOR A PROCEEDING UNDER**
8 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO DIRECT COMPLIANCE WITH A SUBPOENA**
9 **OR COMPEL TESTIMONY ARE AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1803 OF THIS TITLE.**

10 **(M) (1) SUBJECT TO § 2-1257 OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL**
11 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH**
12 **YEAR.**

13 **(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

14 **(I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; AND**

15 **(II) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

16 2-1220.

17 (a) (1) In this subsection, "unit" includes each State department, agency, unit,
18 and program, including each clerk of court and each register of wills.

19 (2) (i) The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct a fiscal/compliance
20 audit of each unit of the State government, except for units in the Legislative Branch.

21 (ii) The audit of each unit shall be conducted at an interval ranging
22 from 3 to 4 years unless the Legislative Auditor determines, on a case-by-case basis, that
23 more frequent audits are required.

24 (iii) In determining the audit interval for a unit, the Office of
25 Legislative Audits shall take into consideration:

26 1. the materiality and risk of the unit's fiscal activities with
27 respect to the State's fiscal activities;

28 2. the complexity of the unit's fiscal structure; and

29 3. the nature and extent of audit findings in the unit's prior
30 audit reports.

1 (iv) Each agency or program may be audited separately or as part of
2 a larger organizational unit of State government.

3 (3) Performance audits or financial statement audits shall be conducted
4 when authorized by the Legislative Auditor, when directed by the Joint Audit and
5 Evaluation Committee or the Executive Director, or when otherwise required by law.

6 (4) (i) In addition to the audits required under paragraph (2) of this
7 subsection, the Office of Legislative Audits may conduct a review when the objectives of the
8 work to be performed can be satisfactorily fulfilled without conducting an audit as
9 prescribed in § 2-1221 of this subtitle.

10 (ii) 1. The Office of Legislative Audits has the authority to
11 conduct a separate investigation of an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse in the
12 obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use of State resources.

13 2. The Legislative Auditor shall determine whether an
14 investigation shall be conducted in conjunction with an audit undertaken in accordance
15 with this subsection or separately.

16 (5) If, on request of the Comptroller, the Joint Audit and Evaluation
17 Committee so directs, the Office of Legislative Audits shall audit or review a claim that has
18 been presented to the Comptroller for payment of an expenditure or disbursement and that
19 is alleged to have been made by or for an officer or unit of the State government.

20 (6) The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct an audit or review to
21 determine the accuracy of information about or procedures of a unit of the State
22 government, as directed by the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee or the Executive
23 Director.

24 (b) If the General Assembly, by resolution, or the Joint Audit and Evaluation
25 Committee so directs, the Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct an audit or review of a
26 corporation or association to which the General Assembly has appropriated money or that
27 has received funds from an appropriation from the State Treasury.

28 **(i) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS,**
29 **THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS SHALL CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF**
30 **THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD TO EVALUATE THE**
31 **EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BOARD IN MEETING THE OUTPUT MEASURES AND**
32 **OUTCOME MEASURES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE**
33 **BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND THE**
34 **CONSISTENCY OF THE BOARD'S ENFORCEMENT ACROSS ALL THE LOCAL SCHOOL**
35 **SYSTEMS IN THE STATE.**

36 **(2) THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD SHALL**
37 **MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS ALL BOARD**

1 **EMPLOYEES, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE**
2 **LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT THE AUDIT OR AUDITS REQUIRED BY THIS**
3 **SUBSECTION.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of
5 the Accountability and Implementation Board who are in office on the effective date of this
6 Act, shall expire as follows:

7 (1) the two members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026,
8 shall expire on that date, and the two members appointed by the Governor shall serve for
9 a term of 4 years beginning July 1, 2026, until a successor is appointed and qualifies;

10 (2) the three members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30,
11 2030, shall terminate on June 30, 2029, and the three members appointed by the Governor
12 shall serve for a term of 4 years beginning July 1, 2029, until a successor is appointed and
13 qualifies; and

14 (3) the two members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2031,
15 shall terminate on June 30, 2030, and the two members appointed by the Governor shall
16 serve for a term of 4 years beginning July 1, 2030, until a successor is appointed and
17 qualifies.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2026.