

SENATE BILL 31

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CF HB 337

By: **Senator Lam**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Construction and Housing – School Zones and Adequate Public Facilities**
3 **Ordinances**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to submit a certain report to
5 the Department of Planning and the Interagency Commission on School
6 Construction each year; requiring a county board to consult with certain
7 municipalities and incorporate certain data when developing a local educational
8 facilities master plan; prohibiting certain adequate public facilities ordinances from
9 delaying the processing and completion of subdivision or site development plans;
10 authorizing certain adequate public facilities ordinances to delay the ~~issuance of~~
11 ~~final permits~~ initiation of construction; and generally relating to school zones, school
12 construction, and adequate public facilities ordinances.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 4–148 and 4–149

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Land Use

20 Section 7–106

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2012 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **4–148.**

5 (A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, EACH
6 COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A STUDENT RESIDENCY AND SCHOOL ZONES REPORT
7 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON
8 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

9 (B) (1) THE STUDENT RESIDENCY AND SCHOOL ZONES REPORT SHALL
10 INCLUDE:

11 (I) THE SCHOOL ZONE BOUNDARIES AND ATTENDANCE AREA
12 MAP; AND

13 (II) ~~THE LOCATIONS OF EACH STUDENT’S RESIDENCE; AND~~

14 ~~(III) THE STATE RATED CAPACITY, STUDENT POPULATION, AND~~
15 ~~CAPACITY PERCENTAGE OF EACH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY CENSUS TRACT AND~~
16 ~~BLOCK DATA REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4–113.1 OF~~
17 ~~THIS SUBTITLE.~~

18 (2) THE REPORT MAY NOT INCLUDE PERSONAL IDENTIFYING
19 INFORMATION OF A STUDENT.

20 (C) THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SHALL
21 ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING FORMATTING AND SUBMISSION
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENT RESIDENCY AND SCHOOL ZONES REPORT.

23 **4–149.**

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “LOCAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN”
25 MEANS THE ANNUAL PLAN REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE INTERAGENCY
26 COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UNDER COMAR 14.39.02.03.

27 (B) IN DEVELOPING A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN, A
28 COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

29 (1) CONSULT WITH EACH MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY
30 THAT EXERCISES PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY; AND

