



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
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**Delegate Bob Long testimony**

**HB 755 Baltimore County – Board of Education – Retention Policy for Financial Records**

- I have been following the news stories of the alleged shredded BCPS financial documents scandal that took place during the BCPS audit in the fall of 2018.
- A whistleblower alerted the public that around 53,000 pounds of financial documents were allegedly destroyed.
- The one question that no one has asked was if there is an electronic back up to these shredded documents?
- My bill would require Baltimore County Public Schools to back up all financial documents through an electronic backup and/or a computer cloud based system.
- This legislation would also require the retention of all financial records for by the custodian of records for at least 7 years
- Given the proposed cost of the Kirwan commission to taxpayers, we must mandate that transparency and accountability is held to the highest standard.