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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 381

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Long” and substitute “Baltimore County Delegation”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “Public Schools – Student Misconduct – Penalty for Parent or Guardian” and substitute “Anti-Bullying Task Force – Alterations”; in line 4, strike “prohibiting a certain student from violating” and substitute “requiring”; in line 5, strike “Board of Education’s” and substitute “Anti-Bullying Task Force to develop certain recommendations for a policy for interacting with parents and guardians of certain students in violation of the Baltimore County Public Schools”; strike beginning with “by” in line 5 down through “terms” in line 11; in lines 11 and 12, strike “a penalty for the parent or guardian for student misconduct and” and substitute “the”; in line 12, strike “public schools” and substitute “Anti-Bullying Task Force”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Chapter 496 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

Section 1(a) and (g)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 496 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

Section 1(f)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“Chapter 496 of the Acts of 2018

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) for the 2018–2019 school year, to the extent consistent with State and federal law, compile data on the number of incidents of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation in each public school in Baltimore County and the disposition of each incident;

(2) for the 2019–2020 school year, to the extent consistent with State and federal law, compile data on the number of incidents of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation in each public school in Baltimore County and the disposition of each incident;

(3) study current disciplinary actions for students found responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy;

(4) study the range of possible disciplinary actions for students found responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy; and

(5) make recommendations regarding:

(i) whether Baltimore County Public Schools should prescribe a countywide disciplinary action for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy;

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(ii) whether community service should be prescribed as a possible disciplinary action for students found responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy;

(iii) anti-bullying strategies and anti-bullying programming, including the development of a countywide anti-bullying campaign;

(iv) options for victims of bullying who feel that their safety is threatened if they continue to attend their current school;

(v) a procedure for providing immediate notification, consistent with State and federal law, to the parent of a victim of bullying or harassment and the parent of a perpetrator of an act of bullying or harassment in Baltimore County Public Schools;

(vi) a procedure for reporting to the parent of a victim of bullying the actions taken to protect the victim in Baltimore County Public Schools;

(VII) A POLICY FOR INTERACTING WITH PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BULLYING, CYBERBULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION POLICY;

[(vii)] (VIII) a process for anonymous reporting by students to protect students from retaliation;

[(viii)] (IX) resources that Baltimore County Public Schools should make available to students who have been the target of bullying and to parents of those students;

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~~[(ix)]~~ **(X)** electronic learning as an option for students found responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy and whose presence in school would be disruptive; and

~~[(x)]~~ **(XI)** any other findings of the Task Force.

~~(g)~~ (1) On or before July 1, 2019, the Task Force shall submit a preliminary report of its findings on the matters listed in subsection (f)(1) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly.

(2) On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations on the matters listed in subsection (f)(2) through (5) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly.

(3) The Task Force additionally shall submit the reports required under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection to the following local entities:

(i) the Baltimore County Executive;

(ii) the Baltimore County Council;

(iii) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools;

(iv) the Baltimore County Board of Education;

(v) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County; and

(vi) the PTA Council of Baltimore County.”