

Chapter 187

(House Bill 1142)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – School Redistricting – Public Testimony

Ho. Co. 07–21

FOR the purpose of requiring, during a school redistricting process in which the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Board of Education differs from the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Superintendent of Schools, that the county board allow a certain number of members of a household whose school assignment is changed only in the county board’s plan to provide public testimony before the final vote on either school redistricting plan; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education and school redistricting.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–109.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

4–109.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) DURING A SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS, IF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY BOARD DIFFERS FROM THE REDISTRICTING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF A HOUSEHOLD WHOSE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT IS CHANGED ONLY IN THE COUNTY BOARD’S PLAN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FINAL VOTE ON EITHER PLAN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.