

# HOUSE BILL 630

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – School District Energy Use – Policy and**  
3 **Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each school district to adopt or update a school district energy  
5 policy beginning on a certain date; specifying the contents of a school district energy  
6 policy; encouraging school districts to set certain targets in their school district  
7 energy policy; requiring that a school district energy policy be posted on the school  
8 district’s website and updated with a certain frequency; requiring the Interagency  
9 Commission on School Construction to coordinate with the Department of the  
10 Environment and the Maryland Energy Administration to develop a certain  
11 template on or before a certain date; requiring the Interagency Commission to  
12 coordinate with the Administration and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to study  
13 and make recommendations regarding the Maryland Net Zero Energy School  
14 Initiative Grant Program; requiring the Interagency Commission to report its  
15 findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and  
16 generally relating to school district energy policies.

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Education  
19 Section 5–312.1  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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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.



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

**Article – Education**

**5–312.1.**

(A) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT OR  
UPDATE A SCHOOL DISTRICT ENERGY POLICY.

(B) A SCHOOL DISTRICT ENERGY POLICY MUST:

(1) ADDRESS THE PURCHASING, CONSERVATION, AND EFFICIENCY  
OF ENERGY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT;

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE MONITORING AND REPORTING OF:

(i) THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY USED FROM RENEWABLE  
ENERGY SOURCES;

(ii) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL  
ELECTRICITY USE THAT IS FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES; AND

(iii) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OVERALL ELECTRICITY USE BY  
SOURCE AND SQUARE FOOT; AND

(3) INCLUDE CURRENT AND HISTORICAL DATA ON THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT'S ENERGY USE BY SQUARE FOOT.

(C) IN ADOPTING OR UPDATING A SCHOOL DISTRICT ENERGY POLICY, EACH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED TO SET TARGETS TO INCREASE THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT'S USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND REDUCE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

(D) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENERGY POLICY SHALL BE:

(1) POSTED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WEBSITE; AND

(2) UPDATED EVERY ~~2~~ 3 YEARS.

(E) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION  
SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED REPORTING  
TEMPLATE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS CAN USE TO REPORT ON:

1           **(1) THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
2 **SOURCES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT USED;**

3           **(2) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S ANNUAL**  
4 **ELECTRICITY USE THAT IS FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES; AND**

5           **(3) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S OVERALL ELECTRICITY USE BY:**

6                   **(I) SOURCE;**

7                   **(II) SQUARE FOOT; AND**

8                   **(III) INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL, IF POSSIBLE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

10           (a) The Interagency Commission on School Construction shall coordinate with the  
11 Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to study and  
12 make recommendations on how to:

13                   (1) expand the Maryland Net Zero Energy School Initiative Grant  
14 Program; and

15                   (2) provide additional funding for the Maryland Net Zero Energy School  
16 Initiative Grant Program.

17           (b) On or before December 1, 2021, the Interagency Commission on School  
18 Construction shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in  
19 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

20           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.