

HOUSE BILL 1189

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Board of Education – School Safety Personnel**

3 **Ho. Co. 10–21**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to develop a plan to
5 implement certain school safety guidelines that does not assign school resource
6 officers to public schools in Howard County and uses adequate local law enforcement
7 coverage to implement the guidelines; and generally relating to school safety
8 personnel in Howard County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–1501(a), (d), and (j) and 7–1508(c), (e), and (h)(2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 7–1508(d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 7–1501.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) “Center” means the Maryland Center for School Safety.

2 (j) “School resource officer” means:

3 (1) A law enforcement officer as defined under § 3–101(e) of the Public
4 Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of
5 understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency as defined under § 3–101(b)
6 of the Public Safety Article and the local education agency; or

7 (2) A Baltimore City school police officer, as defined in § 4–318 of this
8 article.

9 7–1508.

10 (c) The Center shall collect data regarding the school resource officers in each
11 local school system, including:

12 (1) The number of full–time and part–time school resource officers
13 assigned to each elementary school, middle school, and high school; and

14 (2) Any other local school system employees or local law enforcement
15 officers who are fulfilling the role of a school resource officer.

16 (d) (1) On or before December 15, 2018, the Center, in collaboration with local
17 law enforcement agencies and local school systems, shall analyze the initial data collected
18 under subsection (c) of this section and develop guidelines to assist local school systems in:

19 (i) Identifying the appropriate number and assignment of school
20 resource officers, including supplemental coverage by local law enforcement agencies; and

21 (ii) Collaborating and communicating with local law enforcement
22 agencies.

23 (2) **(I) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
24 **PARAGRAPH, ON** or before July 1, 2019, each local school system, in consultation with local
25 law enforcement agencies, shall:

26 **[(i)] 1.** Develop a plan to implement the guidelines developed by
27 the Center; and

28 **[(ii)] 2.** Submit the plan to the Center for review and comment.

29 **(II) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL**
30 **DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE CENTER**
31 **THAT:**

1 **1. DOES NOT ASSIGN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO**
2 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN HOWARD COUNTY; AND**

3 **2. USES ADEQUATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
4 **COVERAGE TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES.**

5 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall
6 file a report with the Center identifying:

7 (i) The public high schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction
8 that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

9 (ii) If a public high school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is
10 not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that
11 will be provided to the public high school.

12 (2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year
13 thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with
14 the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

15 (i) The public schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction that
16 have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

17 (ii) If a public school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is not
18 assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be
19 provided to the public school.

20 (3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center
21 shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and,
22 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

23 (h) (2) On or before December 1, 2020, and each December 1 thereafter, the
24 Center shall submit a report on the data collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection
25 for each jurisdiction, in accordance with federal and State law, to the Governor and, in
26 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2021.