

**HB1196/123821/1**

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1196  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**County Boards of Education –**”; in line 3, strike “**Coordinator – Salary Grant**” and substitute “– **Funding and Independent Evaluation – Alterations**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “county;” in line 6 and substitute “altering certain education funding formulas; requiring, for certain fiscal years, each county board of education to provide for the salary of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future implementation coordinator in the county; requiring the funding for the salary of the implementation coordinator to be paid for by the State and the county in a certain proportion; altering the dates by which the entity contracted by the Accountability and Implementation Board to perform an independent evaluation of the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future is required to report to the Board and the Board is required to report to the Governor and the General Assembly;”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “a salary grant to county boards for” and substitute “the implementation of the”; in line 7, strike “implementation coordinators” and substitute “and education funding”;

in line 10, strike “5–404(b)(2)” and substitute “5–235(a)(1), 5–404(b)(2), and 5–410(a) and (b)”; after line 12, insert:

“BY adding to  
Article - Education  
Section 5–235(a–2) and (p)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume)”;

in line 15, after “5–404(h)” insert “and 5–410(c) and (d)”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
Section 16(d)”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 20, insert:

“5–235.

(a) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (o) of this section and beginning in fiscal year 2023, the county governing body shall levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount of revenue for elementary and secondary public education purposes equal to the local share of major education aid as adjusted under § 5–239 of this subtitle.

(ii) For the purposes of calculating the local share of major education aid and regardless of the source of the funds, all funds that a county board, including the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, is authorized to expend for schools may be considered as levied by the county council, board of county commissioners, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore except for:

1. State appropriations;
2. Federal education aid payments; and
3. The amount of the expenditure authorized for debt service and capital outlay.

**(A–2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE LOCAL SHARE OF MAJOR EDUCATION AID UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000,000 FOR A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT:**

**(1) PARTICIPATED AS A WHOLE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION IN THE 2022–2023 SCHOOL YEAR; AND**

(2) HAD THE LARGEST FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT OF ALL LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

(P) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT" MEANS THE TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION DIVIDED BY THE SQUARE MILES IN THE COUNTY.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN A COUNTY WITH:

(I) A POPULATION DENSITY AMOUNT OF LESS THAN 100;  
AND

(II) A FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT OF FEWER THAN 2,000.";

and on page 2, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

"(2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE \$150,000 FOR THE SALARY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) FUNDING FOR THE SALARY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID BY THE STATE AND THE

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COUNTY IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM UNDER § 5-213 OF THIS TITLE.

5-410.

(a) In addition to its own assessments and tracking of progress, required under § 5-406 of this subtitle, the Board shall contract with a public or private entity to conduct an independent evaluation of the State's progress in implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and achieving the expected outcomes during the implementation period.

(b) The independent evaluation shall include an assessment of:

(1) The use of additional funding to meet the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future;

(2) Progress toward the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and whether the goals have been achieved; and

(3) Any recommendations to alter the goals or strategies employed to reach the goals, including new uses for existing funds or additional funding.

(c) (1) An entity with which the Board contracts for an independent evaluation shall report its results to the Board on or before:

(i) [October 1, 2024] **DECEMBER 1, 2026**; and

(ii) October 1, 2030.

(2) The Board shall contract for each independent evaluation as soon as practicable.

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(d) (1) (i) On or before [December 1, 2024] JANUARY 15, 2027, the Board shall, using the first independent evaluation and its own judgment, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and achieving the expected outcomes.

(ii) The Board's report shall include an assessment of the State's progress towards:

1. Increasing the number of teachers achieving National Board Certification;

2. Providing full-day prekindergarten programs for 3- and 4-year-olds in accordance with Title 7, Subtitle 1A of this article;

3. Improving behavioral health services in accordance with § 7-447 of this article; and

4. Ensuring that students enrolled in public schools meet college and career standards in accordance with § 7-205.1 of this article.

(iii) The Board's report shall include any legislative or structural corrections necessary to fully implement the Blueprint.

(2) On or before December 1, 2030, the Board shall report on the results of the final independent evaluation to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(3) The Board's reports under this subsection shall include:

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(i) Practices being used to close achievement gaps between students of different groups listed in § 5-408(a)(2)(i) of this subtitle;

(ii) Progress made in closing the achievement gaps listed under item (i) of this paragraph; and

(iii) Assessments of student outcomes listed under § 5-408(a)(2)(ii) of this subtitle, disaggregated by race, income, ethnicity, and gender.

**Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2021**

**SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

(d) In the independent evaluation and report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before [December 1, 2024] **JANUARY 15, 2027**, as required under § 5-410(d)(1) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act, the Accountability and Implementation Board shall report whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and is achieving expected outcomes.”.