

# HOUSE BILL 1440

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Public Schools – Differences in Capital Budget Proposals –**  
3 **Report**

4 **Ho. Co. 16–24**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain  
6 circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system  
7 a certain report on the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of  
8 Schools' proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard  
9 County Board of Education; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to  
10 submit a certain report to the General Assembly under certain circumstances;  
11 requiring the Howard County Superintendent, under certain circumstances, to  
12 publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a certain report  
13 on the differences between the capital improvement program approved by the  
14 Howard County Board of Education in the immediately preceding year and the  
15 Howard County Superintendent's proposed capital improvement program; requiring  
16 the Howard County Superintendent to submit a certain report to the General  
17 Assembly under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the capital budget  
18 of Howard County Public Schools.

19 BY adding to  
20 Article – Education  
21 Section 5–330  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 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.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **5–330.**

5 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.

6 (B) (1) IF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY  
7 BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS DIFFERENCES FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY  
8 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET, THE HOWARD  
9 COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT ON THE HOWARD  
10 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEBSITE WITHIN 30 DAYS THAT INCLUDES:

11 (I) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOWARD COUNTY  
12 SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET  
13 APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

14 (II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

15 (2) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT  
16 THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE  
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
18 ARTICLE.

19 (C) (1) IF THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS'  
20 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HAS DIFFERENCES FROM THE  
21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF  
22 EDUCATION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, THE HOWARD COUNTY  
23 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT ON THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC  
24 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEBSITE WITHIN 30 DAYS THAT INCLUDES:

25 (I) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
26 PLAN APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE  
27 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR AND THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S  
28 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AND

29 (II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

30 (2) THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL  
31 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO

1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-157 OF THE STATE  
2 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.