

SENATE BILL 698

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By: **Senator M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Accountability and Implementation Board – Scope of Authority – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the scope of authority of the Accountability and
4 Implementation Board regarding conflicts between a decision or policy of the Board
5 and another entity responsible for implementing an element of the Blueprint for
6 Maryland’s Future; and generally relating to the authority of the Accountability and
7 Implementation Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 5–402(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Education

15 Section 5–402(h)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 5–402.

22 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2020, and continuing until June 30, 2032, there is an
23 Accountability and Implementation Board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) (1) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION, THE Board [is not intended to] MAY NOT** usurp or abrogate:

3 (i) The operational authority of the Department, **THE STATE**
4 **BOARD**, the Governor's Workforce Development Board, the Maryland Higher Education
5 Commission, the Department of Commerce, or the Maryland Department of Labor; or

6 (ii) The day-to-day decision making of county boards, local
7 superintendents, institutions of higher education, or other stakeholders with a role to play
8 in the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

9 (2) The Board may not usurp or abrogate the lawful collective bargaining
10 process due educators and others in the State.

11 (3) (i) The Board shall have [plenary] authority, **AS PROVIDED IN**
12 **THIS SUBTITLE**, over [all matters within its jurisdiction under this subtitle, including]
13 **THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF** the intended outcomes of the Blueprint for
14 Maryland's Future **THROUGH APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AND OTHER**
15 **REQUIRED REPORTS MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE**
16 **BENCHMARKS SET IN THE BOARD'S COMPREHENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

17 (ii) In the event of a conflict between a decision or policy of the Board
18 and the decision or policy of another entity **REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT AN ELEMENT OF**
19 **THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE AND TO SUBMIT AN IMPLEMENTATION**
20 **PLAN UNDER § 5-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR A REPORT UNDER § 5-408 OF THIS**
21 **SUBTITLE** on a matter [within the Board's jurisdiction] **RELATED TO AN**
22 **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OR REPORT**, the Board's decision or policy shall control.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2024.