

HOUSE BILL 523

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By: **Delegates Taveras, Lehman, Martinez, Pena–Melnik, Phillips, Ruff, and Woods**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Root Causes of Chronic Absenteeism and**
3 **Expulsion – Investigation and Reporting**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to investigate, identify, and
5 report on root causes of chronic absenteeism and expulsion in the county; and
6 generally relating to the investigation and reporting of chronic absenteeism and
7 expulsion.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 4–147

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **4–147.**

17 **(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE AND IDENTIFY ROOT**
18 **CAUSES OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND EXPULSION IN THE COUNTY.**

19 **(B) (1) AN INVESTIGATION PERFORMED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
20 **SECTION SHALL EXAMINE A STUDENT’S:**

21 **(i) DOMESTIC SITUATION;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(II) FAMILY VACATIONS;**
2 **(III) HISTORY OF ALCOHOL OR DRUG ADDICTION;**
3 **(IV) MENTAL HEALTH;**
4 **(V) PHYSICAL HEALTH; AND**
5 **(VI) SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.**

6 **(2) THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO EXAMINE WHETHER THE**
7 **STUDENT IS PROVIDING:**

8 **(I) CARE FOR SOMEONE IN THE STUDENT'S HOUSEHOLD; OR**

9 **(II) LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR A MEMBER OF THE**
10 **STUDENT'S HOUSEHOLD WHO IS SICK.**

11 **(C) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND EACH QUARTER THEREAFTER FOR A**
12 **PERIOD OF 10 YEARS, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
13 **§ 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO EACH APPLICABLE COUNTY**
14 **DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND**
15 **THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE,**
16 **ON THE FINDINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2025.