

# HOUSE BILL 1440

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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)

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

26 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **5-330.**

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

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

8 (I) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOWARD COUNTY  
9 SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET  
10 APPROVED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

11 (II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

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

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

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

26 (II) THE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH DIFFERENCE.

27 (2) THE HOWARD COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL  
28 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO  
29 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-157 OF THE STATE  
30 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
32 1, 2024.