

SENATE BILL 1186

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By: **Howard County Senators**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs**

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options
5 for School Capital Needs to identify capital needs of Howard County Public Schools
6 and study options for closing any identified funding gaps; requiring the Howard
7 County Council to submit a resolution to the Howard County Delegation if the
8 Howard County Council determines a recommendation from the Task Force should
9 be enacted but the Council lacks the authority to enact the recommendation; and
10 generally relating to a Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for
11 School Capital Needs.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That:

14 (a) There is a Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School
15 Capital Needs.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair of the
18 Howard County Senate Delegation;

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 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair of the
2 Howard County House Delegation;
- 3 (3) the Howard County Executive, or the County Executive's designee;
- 4 (4) two members of the Howard County Council, appointed by the Howard
5 County Council;
- 6 (5) two members of the Howard County Board of Education, appointed by
7 the Howard County Board of Education;
- 8 (6) the Howard County Public School System Superintendent, or the
9 Superintendent's designee;
- 10 (7) one member of the Howard County PTA Council, appointed by the
11 Council;
- 12 (8) two residents of Howard County, appointed by the Howard County
13 Council;
- 14 (9) one voting member of the Howard County Spending Affordability
15 Advisory Committee, appointed by the Howard County Executive;
- 16 (10) one voting member of the Howard County Spending Affordability
17 Advisory Committee, appointed by the Howard County Council;
- 18 (11) the Howard County Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;
- 19 (12) the Howard County Budget Director, or the Director's designee;
- 20 (13) the Chair of the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board, or
21 the Chair's designee;
- 22 (14) the President of the Howard County Farm Bureau, or the President's
23 designee;
- 24 (15) the Chief of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue
25 Services, or the Chief's designee;
- 26 (16) the President of IAFF 2000, or the President's designee;
- 27 (17) the Director of the Howard County Department of Housing and
28 Community Development, or the Director's designee;
- 29 (18) the Chair of the Howard County Housing and Community
30 Development Board, or the Chair's designee;

1 (19) the Director of the Howard County Department of Recreation and
2 Parks, or the Director's designee; and

3 (20) the Chair of the Howard County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board,
4 or the Chair's designee.

5 (c) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

6 (d) The County Executive shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member of the
8 Task Force.

9 (f) In consultation with Howard County Public Schools, the Howard County
10 Department of Finance, and the Howard County Budget Office, the Task Force shall:

11 (1) identify the capital needs, including deferred maintenance, of Howard
12 County Public Schools through 2035;

13 (2) determine the projected funding expected to be allocated to Howard
14 County Public Schools capital projects through 2035;

15 (3) identify the anticipated funding gaps for Howard County Public Schools
16 capital projections under current revenue projections through 2035; and

17 (4) study options for closing any identified funding gaps for Howard County
18 Public Schools capital projects under current revenue projections through 2035, including:

19 (i) allocating a higher percentage of revenue from the transfer tax
20 to Howard County Public Schools capital projects;

21 (ii) enacting a commercial excise tax;

22 (iii) exercising existing authority the County may use to generate
23 additional revenue; and

24 (iv) ~~studying~~ any other potential revenue sources the Task Force
25 determines appropriate.

26 (g) On or before ~~December 1, 2025~~ October 31, 2024, the Task Force shall report
27 its findings and recommendations to:

28 (1) the Howard County Executive;

29 (2) the Howard County Council; and

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1 (3) the Howard County members of the House of Delegates and the Senate
2 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

3 (h) If the Howard County Council determines a recommendation included in the
4 report submitted under subsection (g) of this section should be enacted but the Council or
5 County lack the authority to enact the recommendation, the Howard County Council shall
6 submit a resolution requesting the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly
7 authorize the Howard County Council to enact the specified recommendation.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
10 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.