

2020 Session Proposed Local Legislation

Proposed local bills for the 2020 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly

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Bond Initiative Requests

Howard County Community Ecology Center, Ho. Co. 3-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Historic Carriage House Renovation, Ho. Co. 7-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County 2nd Ellicott Quaker Schoolhouse, Ho. Co. 8-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Veterans Monument, Ho. Co. 10-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County The Arc of Howard County Roof Restoration, Ho. Co. 14-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Winter Growth Generator, Ho. Co. 21-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Ellicott City Sidewalks and Streetscapes, Ho. Co. 27-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Butterfly Building Design, Ho. Co. 28-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Dairy Shrine, Ho. Co. 31-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Living in Recovery Expansion, Ho. Co. 33-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Residential Sprinkler System, Ho. Co. 34-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Long Reach Head Start Center, Ho. Co. 35-20
By: Howard County Delegation

Howard County Maryland University of Integrative Health, Ho. Co. 36-20
By: **Howard County Delegation**

Howard County Enhancing Developmental Disability Services by Remodeling Gerwig, Ho. Co. 37-20
By: **Howard County Delegation**

Howard County Historic Barnard Fort House Restoration, Ho. Co. 39-20
By: **Howard County Delegation**

Howard County Long Reach Village Center Revitalization, Ho. Co. 40-20
By: **Howard County Delegation**

*Ho.Co. 35-20 – Provide Matching Funds to CAC to renovate a site at Long Reach Village Center for four classrooms of 18-20 35yr old children eligible for Head Start or Pre-K

POSSIBLE POSITION – THE PTACHC SUPPORTS MATCHING FUNDING TO SUPPORT EXPANSION OF PRE-K AND HEAD START SERVICES

[Howard County – Board of Education – Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Areas, Ho. Co. 1-20](#)
By: **Senator Lam**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to annually calculate the program capacity of certain schools on or before a certain date; requiring the county board, if the student enrollment at the school is less than or greater than a certain percentage of utilization of the program capacity for that type of school, to either redetermine the geographic attendance area of a school on or before a certain date or to submit a certain report to the General Assembly and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the redetermination of geographic attendance areas of permanent school facilities in Howard County.

*Ho. Co. 1-20 Requests starting July 1, 2020 the HCPSS Annually Calculate the Program Capacity each year by August 1. If School is not within Target Utilization (90-110%) The HCPSS will redistrict in accordance with Policy 6010 or Submit a plan by Oct 1 of the same year on how to adjust utilization to comply with 6010.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION –

- The bill changes the frequency a building is revaluated for capacity
- How will the bill work if the utilization thresholds are modified?

- How would this work with the current timelines of Policy 6010?

POSSIBLE POSITION – THE PTACHC RECOMMENDS THAT THE PROGRAM CAPACITY OF PERMANENT SCHOOLS IS ANNUALLY CALCULATED WITH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY CYCLE AND PLANS TO ADJUST UTILIZATION FOR SCHOOLS THAT FALL OUTSIDE OF POLICY 6010 STANDARDS ARE PROVIDED TO THE STATE DELEGATION ANNUALLY PRIOR TO AUGUST 1

Howard County – Residential Property and New Home Construction Advertisements – School District Information, Ho. Co. 2-20

By: **Delegate Ebersole**

FOR the purpose of providing for the purpose of certain provisions of law; prohibiting a certain real estate broker, associate real estate broker, or real estate salesperson from including the name of a certain school district in an advertisement for the sale or rental of certain residential property in Howard County; providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a certain real estate broker, associate real estate broker, or real estate salesperson from including the name of a certain school district in a certain written communication; requiring the State Real Estate Commission to enforce certain provisions of law; prohibiting a registered home builder or a registered home builder sales representative from including the name of a certain school district in a certain advertisement for the construction of a new home in Howard County; providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit including the name of a certain school district in a certain written communication; requiring the Home Builder and Home Builder Sales Representative Registration Unit to enforce certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to school district information in advertisements for residential property and new homes in Howard County.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION –

- The bill addresses communications about school facilities during a home purchase.

POSITION UNLIKLEY – The bill relates to education and redistricting information, but may not be a core effort depending on PTA feedback.

Howard County – School District Boundary Changes and Sales of Residential Real Property - Notices, Ho. Co. 4-20

By: **Senator Lam**

FOR the purpose of requiring a contract for the sale of single family residential real property in Howard County to contain a certain notice concerning school district boundary changes; authorizing a purchaser to rescind a certain contract within a certain period of time after receipt of a certain notice; entitling a purchaser to the return of certain deposits under certain

circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to notices of school district boundary changes in Howard County.

*The bill addresses communications about school facilities during a home purchase.

POSITION UNLIKLEY – The bill relates to education and redistricting information, but may not be a core effort depending on PTA feedback.

Howard County – Board of Education – Reporting on Demographics and Reduction of Academic Disparities, Ho. Co. 6-20

By: **Delegate Hill**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a report to the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly detailing certain demographic information on the students in each public school in the county; requiring the report, beginning with a report submitted on or before a certain date and every 2 years thereafter, to include recommendations on how the Howard County Delegation and the General Assembly could assist the county board in certain efforts to reduce academic disparities in public schools in the county and a description of certain actions taken and plans to reduce academic disparities in public schools in the county; and generally relating to reporting by the Howard County Board of Education.

*Ho.Co. 6-20 addresses metric of reporting academic disparities.

Topic For Discussion –

- Will the metric provide new or consolidate information already available from state educational resources?
- What privacy considerations will be required?

POSSIBLE POSITION – THE PTACHC ENCOURAGES IMPROVEMENTS IN ANALYZING ACHIEVMENT GAP DATA AND DISSEMINATION TO LEGISLATORS AS WELL AS ADVOCATES SEEKING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.

Howard County – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements – Prohibition Against Fee-in-Lieu, Ho. Co. 11-20

By: **Delegate Atterbeary and Delegate Terrasa**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting Howard County from authorizing payment of a fee-in-lieu of a requirement under local law that a developer provide moderate income housing units in a new residential development project under certain circumstances; and generally relating to moderate income housing unit requirements in Howard County.

*This relates with the geographic location of growth related to socio-economic factors. PTACHC has a interest as a participant of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

For discussion

- This is a contributing factor in socio-economic factors that are weighed in redistricting considerations

POSITION UNCERTAIN – The PTACHC advocates for education and well being of all children. This item is a generally positive contributing factor in POLICY 6010 considerations. Support may require additional education and analysis that may make consensus challenging. May require feedback from local PTA's

Howard County – Public School Program Capacity – School Board and Planning Commission, Ho. Co. 13-20

By: **Delegate Atterbear**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, beginning in a certain school year, to annually calculate the program capacity of each public primary and secondary school in the county and to prohibit a public primary or secondary school in the county from enrolling a number of students that is greater than a certain percentage of the school's program capacity; authorizing the county planning commission in Howard County to reject a certain real estate project if a certain school in a certain area is projected to have student enrollment greater than a certain percentage of the school's program capacity after the project is complete; defining a certain term; and generally relating to public school program capacity in Howard County.

*Ho.Co. 13-20 requires annual recalculation of school utilization (like 1-20). In addition, it authorizes the PLANNING COMMISSION to reject new projects slated for attendance areas exceeding 115% capacity

For discussion

- This is separate from APFO regulations which place TEMPORARY restrictions at 115,110, and 105% overcrowding respectively.

POSSIBLE POSITION – (REAFFIRM PRIOR POSITION) THE PTACHC SUPPORTS OVERCROWDING PROTECTIONS WITH PERMANENT FACILITIES FOR ANY LOCAL SCHOOLS THAT EXCEED 100% UTILIZATION.

Howard County – Education – Report on Deferred Maintenance, Ho. Co. 19-20

By: **Delegate Atterbear**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose a certain excise tax; requiring the County Council of Howard County to specify the types of buildings subject to a certain excise tax; authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose

different tax rates on certain construction; requiring the excise tax to be deposited into a certain fund to be used only for a certain purpose; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit a certain report on or before a certain date to the County Council of Howard County, the Howard County Executive, and members of the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly; requiring the County Council of Howard County and the Howard County Executive to submit a certain report on or before a certain date to the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly addressing certain recommendations made by the Howard County Board of Education; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to deferred maintenance in the Howard County Public School System.

*Ho.Co. 19-20 Established the AUTHORITY of the PLANNING COMMISSION to assess a new excise tax on COMMERCIAL development to be applied toward closing the 500+ Million deferred maintenance shortfall.

POSSIBLE POSITION – THE PTACHC RECOGNIZES THE SHORTFALLS OF EXISTING CAPITAL FUNDING AND SUPPORTS THE GRANTING OF AUTHORITY TO FUND THE COMPLETION OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AMONG ALL HCPSS FACILITIES

Howard County – Public Campaign Financing – Board of Education, Ho. Co. 22-20

By: **Senator Lam**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish, by law, a system of public campaign financing for elected members of the county board of education; making conforming changes; making a technical correction; and generally relating to public campaign financing in Howard County.

*Ho.Co. 22-20 is a bill affecting campaign financing of BOE members

POSITION UNLIKELY – THIS IS INFORMATIONAL FOR LOCAL PTA MEMBERS AWARENESS.

Howard County – Public Schools – Reporting of Student Data, Ho. Co. 23-20

By: **Delegate Feldmark**

FOR the purpose of requiring each public school in Howard County, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the Howard County Board of Education that contains certain student and teacher data; requiring each elementary school and each high school in the county to provide certain additional data; requiring a certain report to present certain data in a certain manner; requiring the county board, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the State Board of Education, the Howard County Executive, the Howard County Council, and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly; and generally relating to reporting student and teacher data from public schools in Howard County.

*Ho.Co. 23-20, like 6-20 addresses reporting of academic data.

Topic For Discussion –

- Will the metric provide new or consolidate information already available from state educational resources?
- What privacy considerations will be required?

POSSIBLE POSITION – THE PTACHC ENCOURAGES IMPROVEMENTS IN ANALYZING EDUCATIONAL DATA AND DISSEMINATION TO LEGISLATORS AS WELL AS ADVOCATES SEEKING EFFECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Howard County – Transfer Tax – Rate Increase Authorization, Ho. Co. 26-20

By: **Delegate Feldmark**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to increase the rate of the transfer tax to support certain public purposes; requiring the Director of Finance of Howard County to collect and distribute in certain amounts transfer tax proceeds attributable to an increase in the tax rate to certain special funds and to the county general fund to be used for certain purposes; making stylistic and technical changes; and generally relating to the transfer tax in Howard County.

*Ho.CO 26-20 authorizes the COUNCIL the ability to raise the transfer tax rate with the provision that any increases are not applied to agricultural preservation.

Items for discussion –

- This fund already exists, which a PORTION (25%) goes to fund school site acquisition costs.
- Members recognize the elimination of (additional) ag-pres funding also reduce protections against net increases of residential density
- This item is charged to both new development which add additional net households and resales of existing homes that do not add net households.

POSSIBLE POSTION -PTACHC SUPPORTS NECESSARY FUNDING TO AQUIRE SCHOOL SITES WHEN AND WHERE THAY ARE NEEDED TO MEET AND MAINTAIN EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS WITHOUT COMPRISE OF RESOURCES

