

Local bills have been officially proposed for the state legislature this upcoming year. Bills are available at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation/2020-Session-Proposed-Local-Legislation>

The following PTACHC positions were discussed, voted on by the members present, and adopted:

- Howard County – Board of Education – Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Areas, Ho. Co. 1-20
Position: PTACHC does not support this bill as written due to the increased frequency of redistricting without addressing factors such as stability and net resources like system wide capacity.
- Howard County – Board of Education – Reporting on Demographics and Reduction of Academic Disparities, Ho. Co. 6-20
Position: PTACHC supports this bill and encourages improvements in analyzing achievement gap data and dissemination of that information to legislators as well as advocates seeking effective solutions. However, we recommend amendments that will discourage duplicative reporting efforts.
- Howard County – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements – Prohibition Against Fee-in-Lieu, Ho. Co. 11-20
Position: PTACHC does support this bill because it reduces the potential for concentrations of poverty and also reduces the potential for more frequent redistricting.
- Howard County – Public School Program Capacity – School Board and Planning Commission, Ho. Co. 13-20
Position: This position reaffirms a prior position on this subject. PTACHC supports non-discretionary safeguards to keep any overcrowding protections at permanent facilities of each local school that exceeds 100% utilization.
- Howard County – Education – Report on Deferred Maintenance, Ho. Co. 19-20
Position: Due to the inadequate sources of revenue from the development community, 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 Schools – Reporting of Student Data, Ho. Co. 23-20
Position: PTACHC is concerned about student privacy and duplicative data retrieval; therefore, we do not support this bill.
- Howard County – Transfer Tax – Rate Increase Authorization, Ho. Co. 26-20
Position: Due to historic shortages in county finances for school funding, PTACHC supports necessary funding to acquire school sites when and where they are needed to meet and maintain educational standards without compromise of resources.

In addition, the following proposed local education-related legislation was discussed, and no official PTACHC position was taken.

- *Ho.Co. 35-20 – Provides Matching Funds to CAC to renovate a site at Long Reach Village Center for four classrooms each with 18-20 children ages 3-5 who are eligible for Head Start or Pre-K.
- Howard County – Residential Property and New Home Construction Advertisements – School District Information, Ho. Co. 2-20
- Howard County – School District Boundary Changes and Sales of Residential Real Property - Notices, Ho. Co. 4-20
- Howard County – Public Campaign Financing – Board of Education, Ho. Co. 22-20