

Proposed Legislation for 2021 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly  
PTA Council of Howard County - Positions on Proposed Local 2021 Legislation  
November 17, 2020

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**\*PTACHC positions and proposed amendments are notated in red.**

**Howard County – Board of Education – Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Area,  
Ho. Co. 5-21**

**By: Senator Lam**

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**RECOMMEND – AMENDMENT TO FUND OR ALLOCATE 3 FTE, PREFERABLY FROM STATE ACEDEMIA FOR DATA ANALYSIS, GIS MODELING, AND PROGRAMING OF QUERIES TO FACILITATE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF HCPSS POLICY 6010 CRITERIA.**

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**RECOMMEND – HOWARD COUNTY DELEGATION and HCPSS and POLICY COMMITTEE meet to review this bill in relation to policy 6010. Updates to address this issue are already underway.**

**Howard County – Howard County Board of Education – School Safety Personnel, Ho. Co. 10-21**

**By: Delegate Atterbeary**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to develop a plan to implement certain school safety guidelines that does not assign school resource officers to public schools in Howard County and uses adequate local law enforcement coverage to implement the guidelines; and generally relating to school safety personnel in Howard County

**<NOTE – 11-21 supported unanimously, amendment also passed unanimously>**

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**SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT THAT COUNTY PUBLICLY REPORT TO THE DELEGATION YEARLY ON ALL DEDICATED AND DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES OVER A 20YR PERIOD – INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL SURCHARGE EXCISE, TRANSFER, RECORDATION, TIF, PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCOME & PROPERTY-DENSITY EXCHANGES, LEASES, CHARTER and INTERDEPARTMENTAL MOU AGREEMENTS, STATE & FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING SUFFICIENCY PLANNING.**

**Howard County - Fee-in-Lieu of Moderate-Income Housing Units – Prohibition, Ho. Co. 12-21**

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

**PTACHC DOES NOT SUPPORT FEE- LIEU MECHANISMS THAT INTENTIONALLY EXASPERATE CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INTERVENTIONS OFFSITE OF NEW ENROLLMENT GROWTH AREAS.**

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**2021 Session Proposed Local Legislation**

**Proposed local bills for the 2021 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly**

The Howard County Delegation will hold a public hearing for local bills virtually at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17. Members of the public may register to testify or to watch the hearing through WebEx by going to <https://howardcountymd.webex.com/howardcountymd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1b32cd17996caef752a24df9f0944fd1> and clicking on "Register". Registration will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16. Written testimony may be submitted by email to [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us). Members of the public may testify on any or all of the proposed legislation within their allotted time to speak. Oral testimony will be limited to two minutes per bill up to a total of five minutes for three or more bills. The hearing will also be streamed live on the Howard County Delegation's Facebook page. Full text of the Howard County bills can be accessed as they become available here.

*Short descriptions of the bond initiative request and local bills proposed for the 2021 legislative session appear below. Details on legislative bond initiatives and text of bills can be found by clicking their titles. This page will be updated as needed and documents added as they become available.*

**Bond Initiative Requests:**

[Humanim - Remodeling Gerwig, Ho. Co. 16-21](#); \$150,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Patuxent Commons, Ho. Co. 17-21](#); \$500,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[8125 Main Street Reconstruction and Renovation, Ho. Co. 18-21](#); \$500,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Centennial Park ADA Improvements, Ho. Co. 19-21](#); \$500,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Harriet Tubman Cultural Center Playground, Ho. Co. 20-21](#); \$200,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Robinson Nature Center Amphitheater and Stage, Ho. Co. 21-21](#); \$100,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Expanded Tiber Park, Ho. Co. 22-21](#); \$500,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Patapsco Female Institute Chapel, Ho. Co. 23-21](#); \$300,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Historic Barnard Fort House, Ho. Co. 24-21](#); \$150,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[East Columbia 50+ Center, Ho. Co. 25-21](#); \$1,000,000

By: Howard County Delegation

[Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, Ho. Co. 26-21](#); \$750,000

By: Howard County Delegation

Ellicott City Quaker School, Ho. Co. 27-21; \$150,000

By: Howard County Delegation

**Proposed Local Bills for the 2021 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly**

[Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages - Delivery, Ho. Co. 1-21](#)

By: Delegate Watson

FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license in

Howard County to deliver alcoholic beverages in the county; authorizing certain employees of a license holder to deliver alcoholic beverages; requiring that an employee making certain deliveries be of a certain age; requiring an individual receiving a certain alcoholic beverages delivery to provide certain proof of age; providing for the manner in which an individual receiving a delivery of alcoholic beverages provides proof of age; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to approve a certain certification; requiring the purchaser of certain alcoholic beverages or a certain designated individual of a certain age to be present to receive a delivery of alcoholic beverages; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

[Howard County – Class A Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Quota by Election District, Ho. Co. 2-21](#)

By: Senator Guzzone

FOR the purpose of altering the quota system for Class A licenses in Howard County so as to limit the issuance of the licenses to not more than one for a certain number of residents in each election district, rather than in the county; and generally relating to Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

[Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors, Ho. Co. 3-21](#)

By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing an alcoholic beverages inspector to issue a citation in Howard County; requiring an inspector to complete a training program in the use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedures; prohibiting an inspector from carrying a firearm in the performance of the inspector's duties; requiring the Howard County Police Department to employ certain inspectors, rather than requiring the Chief of the County Police Department to provide a sworn member of the County Police Department as an inspector; requiring the Chief of the County Police Department to have certain authority over the hiring of inspectors; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

[Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License – Off-Premises Consumption, Ho. Co. 4-21](#)

By: Delegate Watson

FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County to sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption, subject to certain requirements; repealing certain provisions that authorize the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue a certain permit to a certain holder of a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

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[Howard County – Homeowners Association Commission – Alternative Dispute Resolution Authority, Ho. Co. 13-21](#)

By: Delegate Jen Terrasa

FOR the purpose of authorizing Howard County to establish a homeowners association commission to hear and resolve, through alternative dispute resolution, certain issues between a homeowners association and a homeowner regarding certain documents; and generally relating to the resolution of disputes between homeowners associations and homeowners in Howard County.

[Howard County - Fee for Rental Housing Services - Established, Ho. Co. 15-21](#)

By: Delegates Feldmark and Terrasa

FOR the purpose of establishing a fee on rental housing licenses issued in Howard County for a certain purpose; requiring that the fee be at least a certain amount and paid at a certain time; specifying that the fee is in addition to any other fees required for the issuance or renewal of a rental housing license; authorizing the Howard County Council to set by ordinance the amount of the fee; providing that the fee does not apply to a rental housing license issued to an owner of certain types of housing; authorizing the County Council to specify by ordinance certain eligibility requirements, types of services, and processes for obtaining services; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to rental housing license fees in Howard County.

**For further information,** contact the Howard County Delegation Office at [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

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