

**February 2022
PTACHC Legislative Report**

Items Reviewed Between PTACHC General Meetings



FEB 2022

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July	1
October	1

- January 12** GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (*noon, Wednesday*)
- 18** 7th Day — SENATE AND HOUSE BILL DRAFTING REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE
- 19** Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill
- 19** Final date for the Governor to introduce capital budget bill
- 21** 10th Day — Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government; either Chamber may disapprove by resolution within 50 days.
- 24** 13th Day — Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee.
- 26** 15th Day — Final date for introduction of Governor’s Salary Commission, General Assembly Compensation Commission, and Judicial Compensation Commission recommendations. Legislative action must be taken within 50 days after introduction of the joint resolutions of the Governor’s Salary Commission and the Judicial Compensation Commission.

- February 2** Governor delivers the State of the State Address (Virtual–Time TBD)
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- March 7** 55th Day — Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- 15** 63rd Day — Committee Reporting Courtesy Date
Each Chamber’s committees to report their own bills by this date
- 21** 69th Day — Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably
Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)

- April 4** 83rd Day — Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
- April 11** 90th Day — ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE” (*Monday*)

- May 11** Final date for an extended session (*Wednesday*)

POST-SESSION

20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentation of bills to Governor
 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date
 Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect
 Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect
 Usual effective date for bills

HOLIDAYS AND OTHER OBSERVANCES

January	1 New Year’s Day*	March	25 Maryland Day
	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*	April	15 Passover
February	12 Lincoln’s Birthday		15 Good Friday
	21 Presidents’ Day*		17 Easter
	21 Washington’s Birthday	May	30 Memorial Day*

*State Holiday

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs-Current/2022rs-Session-dates.pdf>



LR - 0744



PTACHC Originated Bill with Senator Hester

Pilot provides funding for analytics support for HCPSS using state resources. Lessons learned and shared resources will be provided to other counties.

Status – To be introduced as a SENATE BILL today and decided on by representatives of all counties.

Next Step – Need written support from local PTA units – Look for PTACHC to provide specific information with new Bill Number, dates and contact information

State Delegation (HOWARD)



HEARING ON OTHER STATE ITEMS – FEB 10th
(State Bills And County Bills that HAVE NOT already been heard in prior sessions)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjrnq7vh-GmryQby055dx_5ttjqDISTYPaVzSS7H6cjrw-Bg/viewform

Next session – Weds Feb 9, 8:30am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNDsfDhn7AYOcQYul2JZm2w/videos>

State Delegation (HOWARD)



[Howard County Board of Education – School Safety Personnel Ho. Co. 1-22](#)

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 replaces school resource officers in public schools in Howard County with adequate law enforcement coverage provided by school coverage officers, effectively addresses the need for certain personnel, and requires school coverage officers and school security employees to complete a certain model training program; defining the term “school coverage officer”; requiring the county board to solicit and incorporate input from stakeholders in the Howard County Public School System and school community; and generally relating to school safety personnel in Howard County.

NOT VOTED ON YET

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

State Delegation (HOWARD)



[Howard County – Due Process Proceedings for Children With Disabilities – Burden of Proof, Ho. Co. 2-22](#) (PASSED BY THE DELEGATION 1/19/22)

By: Senator Hester

FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to bear the burden of proof in due process proceedings that initiate from a due process complaint regarding the provision of special education services or a program for a child with disabilities in Howard County except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the burden of proof in due process proceedings and the Howard County Board of Education

Passed – Moving To Next Step

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

State Delegation (HOWARD)



[Howard County – Department of Housing and Community Development – Housing Opportunities Trust Fund, Ho. Co. 5-22](#) (PASSED BY THE DELEGATION 1/19/22)

By: Delegate Feldmark and Senator Guzzone

FOR the purpose of establishing the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund as a non-reverting special fund to be used to promote equitable access to affordable housing for households of limited income in Howard County; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development for Howard County to report on the activity of the Fund during the prior fiscal year on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to funding for affordable housing in Howard County.

Passed – Moving To Next Step

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

State Delegation (HOWARD)



[Howard County – Commercial Building Excise Tax – Board of Education Deferred Maintenance, Ho. Co. 8-22](#)

By: Delegate Atterbeary

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose an excise tax on commercial building construction; requiring the excise tax revenue to be used only for deferred maintenance needs identified by the Howard County Board of Education; and generally relating to a commercial building excise tax in Howard County and deferred maintenance in the Howard County Public School System.

Not Voted On Yet

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

State Delegation (HOWARD)



[Howard County – Public Schools – Alternative Instruction Model Policy, Ho. Co. 9-22](#) (PASSED BY THE DELEGATION AS AMENDED 2/2/22)

By: Delegate Watson

FOR the purpose of providing that the use of an alternative instruction model constitutes a certain public school being open for pupil attendance for the purposes of meeting certain school day and hour requirements; authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to adopt a policy allowing a public school in the county to use an alternative instruction model under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an alternative instruction model policy in Howard County public schools.

Passed, Moving On To Next Step

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

State Delegation (HOWARD)

[Howard County Board of Education – Student Member – Voting](#)

By: Delegate Ebersole

FOR the purpose of authorizing the student member of the Howard County Board of Education to vote on budgetary matters; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education.



NEW BILL – MAY HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON FEB 10th

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation/2022-proposed-local-legislation>

County Council

OF NOTE – THE PTACHC GENERAL MEETING TYPICALLY OVERLAPS THE COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS WHICH ARE BROADCAST AND ARCHIVED.

THIS FREES UP THE TYPICAL THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH FOR PTACHC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO TESTIFY ON PENDING COUNCIL LEGISLATION.



IMPORTANT ADVOCACY NOTICE

<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Legislation>

County Council

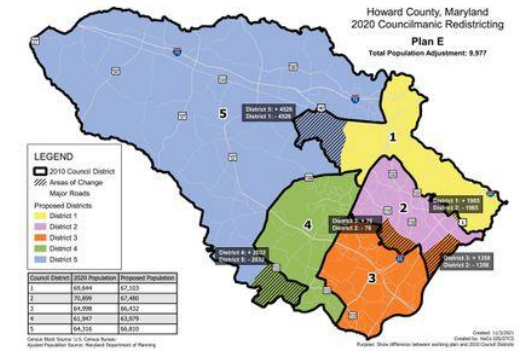
NEW BILLS INTRODUCED FEB 7th

CB-13 Removing notification signs 15 days after hearing/event.
Keep in mind a major change notices have a variety of times that they are required depending on department and can be removed within the timeframe of a single PTA monthly meeting or sooner.

CB-15 changes planning board appointee process to represent each district.
To enforce members to take required State training. The planning board generally weighs in on school construction projects, long range plans, budgets and related items like the General plan, Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) and large projects.

Of Note for environmentally conscious members – **CB-14** is introduced this month as a new variant of a series of forest conservation plans that have yet to be approved by the council.

<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Legislation>



County Council

BILLS DECIDED ON FEB 7th

CB-6/11 Citizens Election Fund – Affects candidate viability.

CB-7/8 Requiring affordable housing in Turf Valley. Could change student poverty concentration levels. It does *not* change Turf Valley APFO exemptions allowing school overcrowding.

CB-9 APFO School Overcrowding Exemption Process – Notice this will be tabled for a month to draft new amendments.

CB-17 Complete Streets Manual – Rewrite of Road Design Manual with Specific changes to walkability standards affecting students and reducing APFO road test standards to encourage transit use through higher acceptable road congestion levels. <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/transportation/complete-streets-implementation-team>

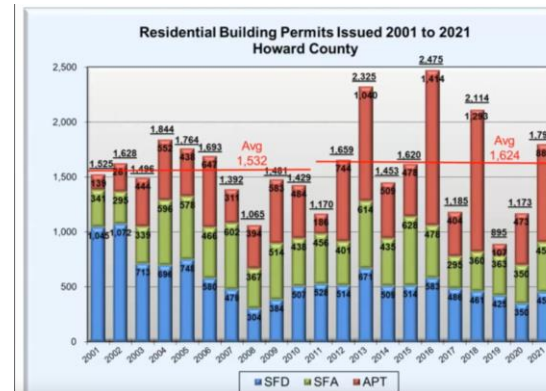
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EXEMPT



Spending Affordability Advisory Committee

This committee considers how much debt the county should take on. The presentations by various departments give early notice of the direction of many projects, and indication of which way the county is leaning on future projects and those that are falling off the radar for funding.



*From SAAC sessions:
APFO School Overcrowding
Protections DID NOT halt
development as predicted.
1,799 Units were built in the
Pandemic last year. (SAAC 1/20/22)*

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HowardCountyGov/videos>

Budget

The superintendent released the HCPSS Budget on Jan. 20, 2022, asking for more than \$100M from prior years.

Tonight's scheduled PTACHC meeting overlaps a public hearing at 7 pm on Feb. 7th


The BOE will adopt their adaptation on Feb. 24th, 2022.

The most significant date will fall in April 2022, when the executive submits proposed budget leaving the BOE to determine CUTS, and the Council to consider RESTORATIONS in May 2022.

County Executive Submits Proposed Budget


The Howard County Executive reviews the Board's request and submits a proposed Howard County budget to the Howard County Council.


[Howard County Government Budget Website →](#)

 April 2022

Board of Education Holds Additional Work Sessions & Public Hearings

Following the release of the County Executive's proposed budget, the Board of Education holds additional work sessions and public hearings, as needed.


Work Session (if needed)
 April 28, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing (if needed)
 May 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

County Council Adopts Budget


The Howard County Council holds public hearings, implements revisions, and adopts a budget for the county that includes funding the school system.

[County Council Budget Website →](#)

 May 2022

Board of Education Adopts Final Budget

The Board of Education adopts a detailed school system budget, which serves as the final Approved Operating Budget.

 May 26, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

<https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/fy23/>

“Blueprint” Funding – Brings In Additional Revenues....
 The Additional Revenues Falls Short of Mandatory Expenses

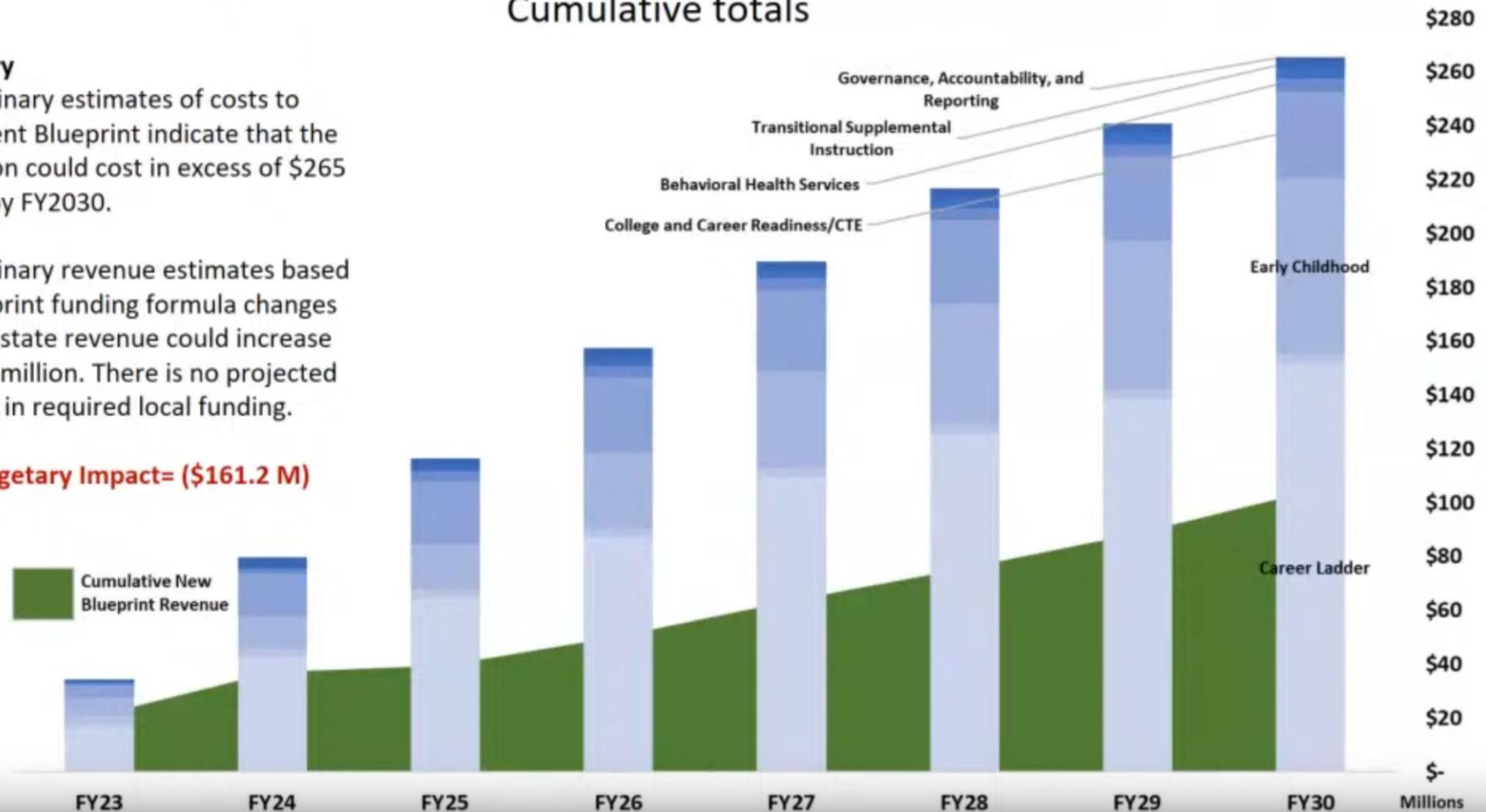
Preliminary Estimates: Blueprint Budgetary Impact, FY23 – FY30

Cumulative totals

Summary

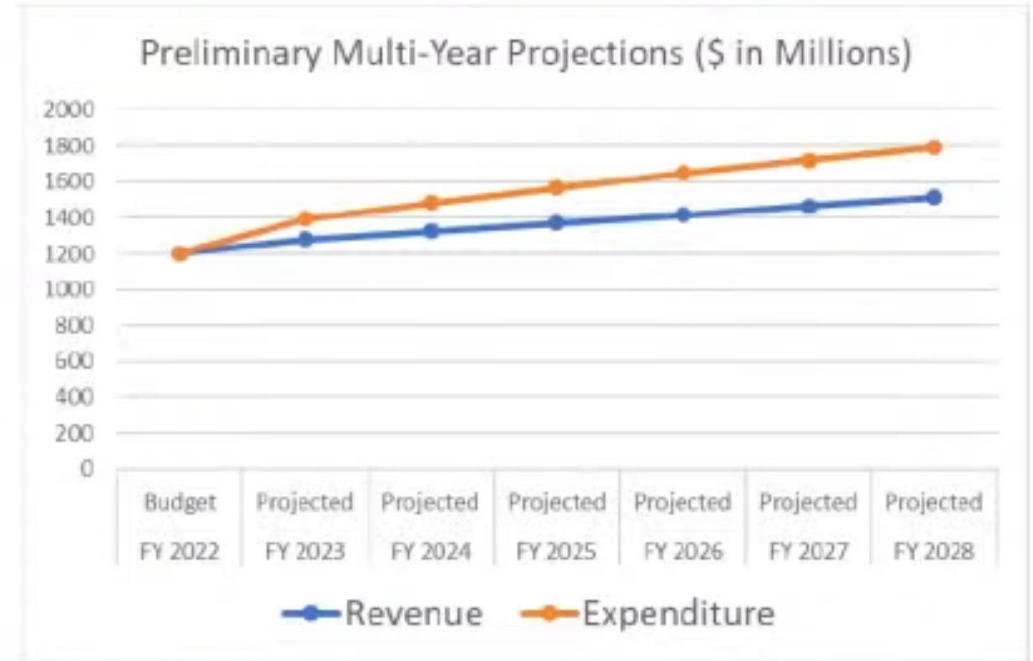
- Preliminary estimates of costs to implement Blueprint indicate that the legislation could cost in excess of \$265 million by FY2030.
- Preliminary revenue estimates based on Blueprint funding formula changes indicate state revenue could increase by \$104 million. There is no projected increase in required local funding.

Net Budgetary Impact= (\$161.2 M)



Multi-Year Projections (Before Actions)

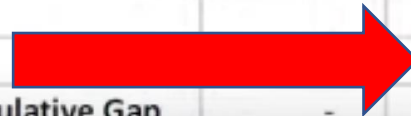
- Projected expenditure needs (by all government entities and agencies collectively) continue to outpace revenue growth with anticipated annual gap now growing into \$112~\$279M (last year's projection: \$36M~\$118M)



Feb 2, 2022
SAAC meeting

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Six-Year Growth from FY22 Base
	Budget	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	
Revenue	1201.4	1281.2	1325.4	1371	1416.3	1463.2	1511.7	310.3
Growth %		6.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	
Expenditure	1201.4	1392.9	1482.4	1565.5	1646.7	1719.1	1790.4	589.0
Growth %		15.9%	6.4%	5.6%	5.2%	4.4%	4.1%	
Gap		(111.7)	(157.0)	(194.5)	(230.4)	(255.9)	(278.7)	
Accumulative Gap	-	(111.7)	(268.7)	(351.5)	(424.9)	(486.3)	(534.6)	

THIS WILL BE THE EXPECTED "CUT" For All County Services



Renaming

A 272-page report from the county Public Spaces Commission was released Jan 14, 2022.

The commission was tasked with researching if names were associated with oppression.

The report lists 13 schools associated with oppression 4 school listed as uncertain association and 46 schools with no association.

The report lists 3 libraries associated with oppression and 4 libraries with no association.

The report lists 8 parks associated with oppression and 9 parks with no association.

The report lists 4 County administrative buildings associated with oppression and 0 with no association.

Of note:

- The Report recommends establishment of future Committees.
- Only two items of public testimony were submitted.
- Selection decision varies from standards for both inclusion and disassociation examples.
- Videos of meetings showed members requesting additional time for research.
- The amount of road names and deadline requirement left review to a future committee.
- Meeting minutes and videos of sessions are not public yet.
- The commission chair and author of the report stepped down the day the report was released.
- PTACHC did not have representation on this committee.
- HCPSS maintains the authority to rename schools.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Public%20Spaces%20Commission%20Report-110521%281%29.pdf>

