PTACHC LEGISLATIVE REPORT FEBRUARY 7, 2022

State

The 444th Maryland General Assembly is In session from January 12 – April 11, 2022.

https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/

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.

MGA DATES

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

FEB 2022

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State Delegation (Howard)

Next session - Wed., Feb 9th @ 8:30am

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER STATE ITEMS – Thurs., 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

(Not Voted On Yet)

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.

Passed – Moving To Next Step

<u>Howard County – Due Process Proceedings for Children With Disabilities – Burden of Proof, Ho. Co. 2-22</u> (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

<u>Howard County – Department of Housing and Community Development – Housing Opportunities Trust Fund, Ho. Co. 5-</u> 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.

Not Voted On Yet

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.

Passed, Moving To Next Step

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.

NEW BILL - May Have Testimony on 10th

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.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION

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.

https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Legislation

New Bills Introduced February 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, 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.

Bills decided on February 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

Spending Affordability Advisory Committee

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

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.

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 public hearing at 7:00 pm on Feb. 7, 2022.

The BOE will adopt their adaptation on FEB 24, 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.







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April

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June

Department of Legislative Services **General Assembly of Maryland Dates of Interest**

2022 SESSION 444th Session

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (noon, Wednesday) January 12 7th Day - SENATE AND HOUSE BILL DRAFTING REQUEST 18 **GUARANTEE DATE** Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill 19

 - 19 Final date for the Governor to introduce capital budget bill 10th Day - Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the 21 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) 27th Day - SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
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- March 55th Day - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules 7 63rd Day - Committee Reporting Courtesy Date 15
 - 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)

- 4 83rd Day - Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
- April 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 presentment of bills to Governor 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date 30

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- Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect 1 Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect
- July 1 October 1

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			

Usual effective date for bills

Library and Information Services Department of Legislative Services

