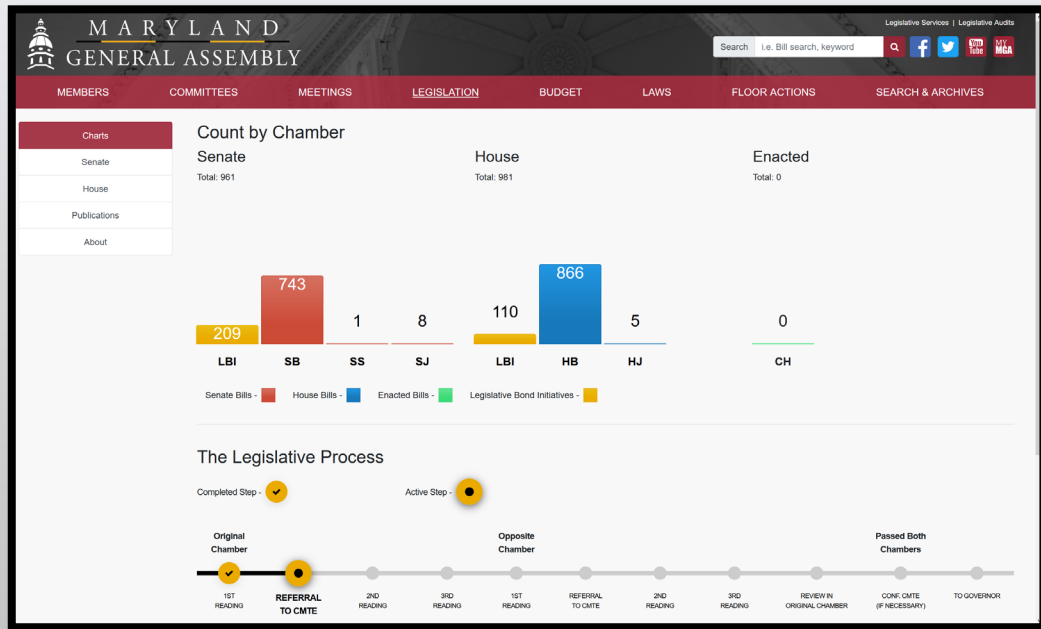


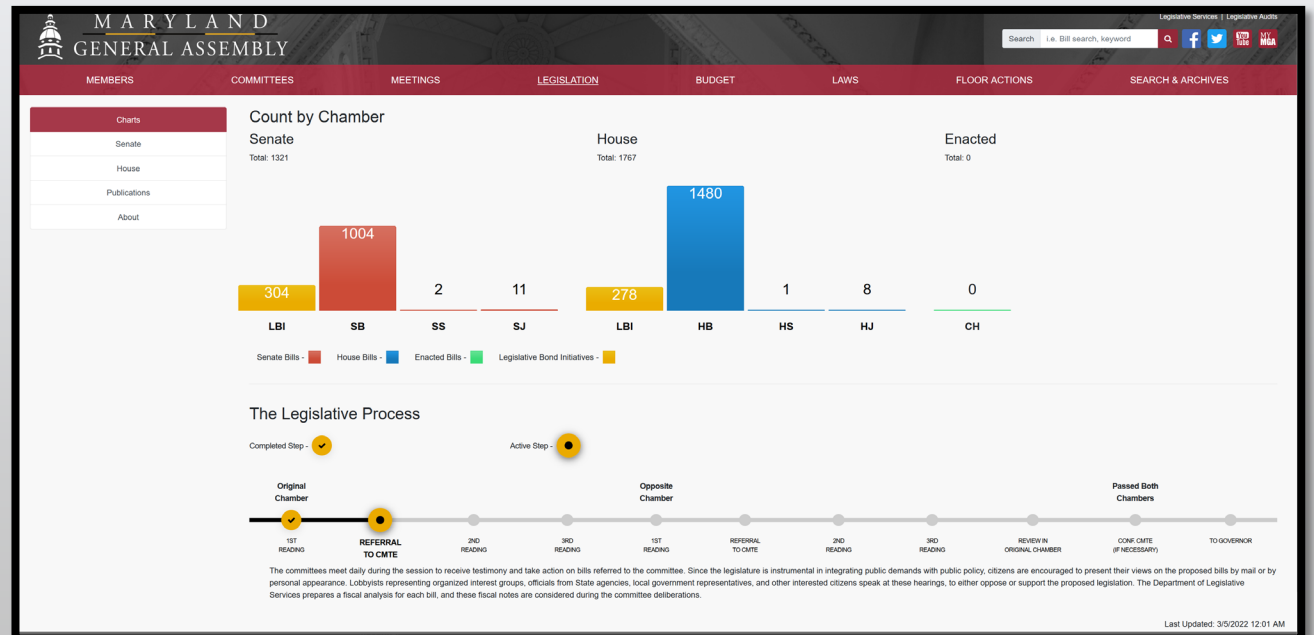
March 2022

PTACHC LEGISLATIVE REPORT

PTA Advocating For Education



Maryland General Assembly Stats Feb 7, 2022



Maryland General Assembly Stats Mar 8, 2022

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebbsite/Legislation/Charts>

Items Reviewed Between PTACHC General Meetings



MAR 2022

7th – Final Day For Bills Without Suspension Of Rules

8th – Testimony On State Support For HCPSS

21st Crossover Day – Bills move to opposite chamber

By Next General Meeting – Budget Bill Passage By Both Chambers



Department of Legislative Services
General Assembly of Maryland
Dates of Interest
2022 SESSION
 444th Session

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April	30	20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentation of bills to Governor
May	30	30th Day after presentation — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date
June	1	Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect
July	1	Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect
October	1	Usual effective date for bills

- 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)
- 7** 27th Day — SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE
Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
- 11** 31st Day — HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE
“Hopper” will close at 5 P.M. on February 10
House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
- 20** 40th Day — “Green Bag” appointments submitted by Governor (*Delivered on Friday, February 18*)
- 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*)

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>

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LR – 0744

SB0756



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 – Reviewed By HCPSS BOE for support – BOE recommended support with amendments to address reporting concerns. PTACHC seeking funding clarification amendment. Meeting held with stakeholders for amendment drafting.

Next Step – Testimony on March 8, 2022 in Annapolis, awaiting votes to move to House Chamber

HB0865 Howard County – Due Process Proceedings for Children With Disabilities – Burden of Proof Ho. Co. 02-22

Passed County Delegation – Filed as HB0865

Testimony Held March 3, 2022

Next Step – vote by House



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 – 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 As HB0878

<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 Howard County Delegation, Now HB 1306 – Public Hearing March 10, 1PM

<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.



Bill Not Concidered By Howard County Delegation Yet.

<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. VOTING SESSION TONIGHT MAR 7 at 7PM

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

NEXT PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COUNTY BILLS IS MARCH 21, 7PM
MONTHLY MEETING ON BILLS – MAR 9, 1PM
WORK SESSION ON BILLS – MAR 28, 1PM



IMPORTANT ADVOCACY NOTICE

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

County Council

BILLS TO BE VOTED ON TONIGHT

CB-9-22 – Left To Expire With No Vote?

This bill addresses concerns with planning and affordable housing school overcrowding exemptions.

CB-13 Removing notification signs 15 days after hearing/event.

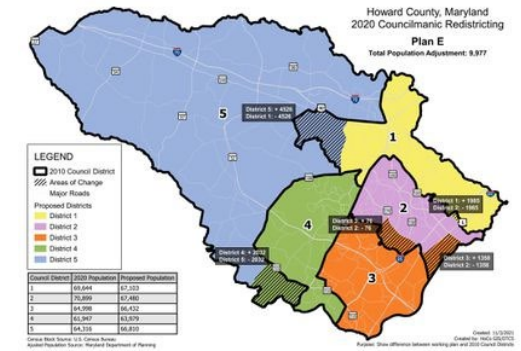
Keep in mind a major change notices have a variety of times that they are required depending on department and can be removed in within the timeframe of a single PTA monthly meeting or sooner.

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.

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



County Council

BILLS INTRODUCED TONIGHT

CB-17 Borrowing 75 Million in Bonds.

CB-19 Three Day/ 300FT Notice Prior To Infill Development Excavation

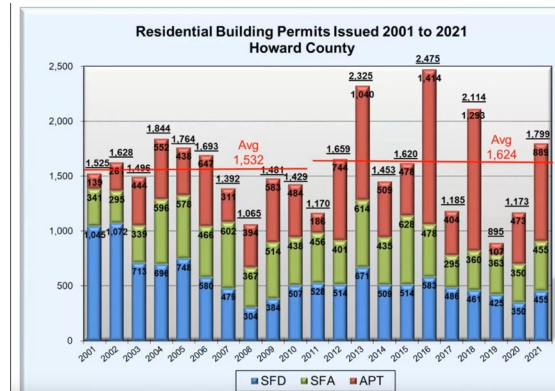
CR-29 Approving a 76 Unit Project With Council Authorized Overcrowding Exemptions



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Spending Affordability Advisory Committee

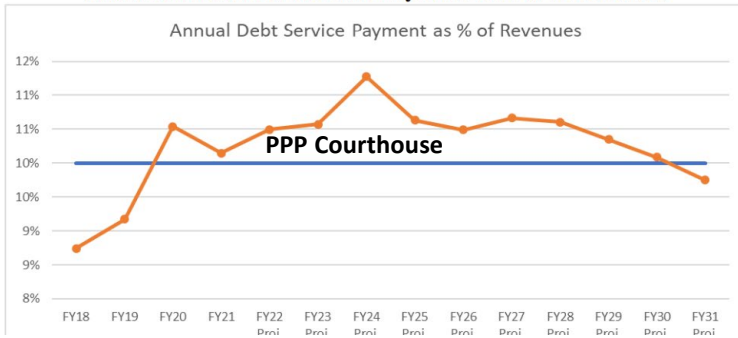
This committee considers how much debt the county should take on. The presentations by various departments give early notice of the direction of many projects, and indication of which way the county is leaning on future projects and those that are falling off the radar for funding.



*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>

Chart 5. Annual Debt Service Payment As a % of Revenues



Spending Affordability Advisory Committee

FY 2023 Report Is Out. The report is intended to guide county funding. There will be a “marketing” effort to local organizations

*As with tradition, the report asks the school system to fund based on revenue collections without testing if revenue generation is sufficient for required obligations.

*The report makes a major funding decision on a unreferenced Maryland DLA report that Claims Blueprint For Maryland will have no additional costs, despite BOE representative listing errors in report assumptions.

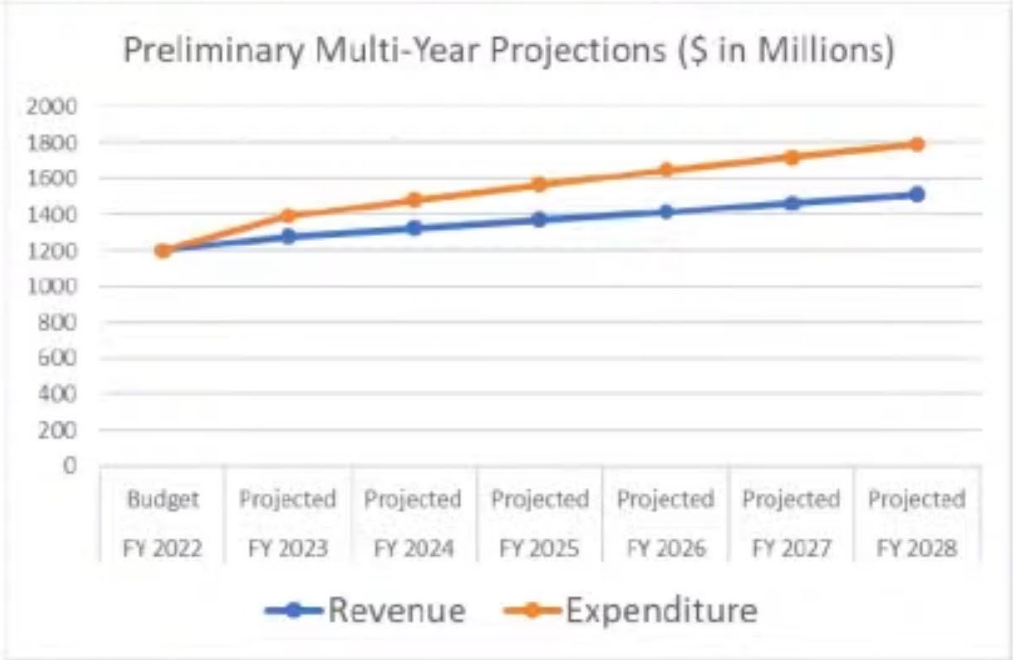
*The report continues to promote funding through increased residential development under a claim that revenues exceed expenses. The report encourages substantial increase in residential density (and student enrollment) through the upcoming general plan

*The report recommends substantially less funding for HCPSS and education related services overall.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/spending-affordability-advisory-committee>

Multi-Year Projections (Before Actions)

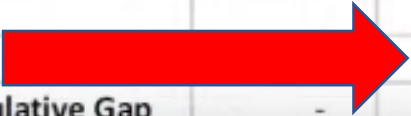
- Projected expenditure needs (by all government entities and agencies collectively) continue to outpace revenue growth with anticipated annual gap now growing into \$112~\$279M (last year's projection: \$36M~\$118M)



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



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

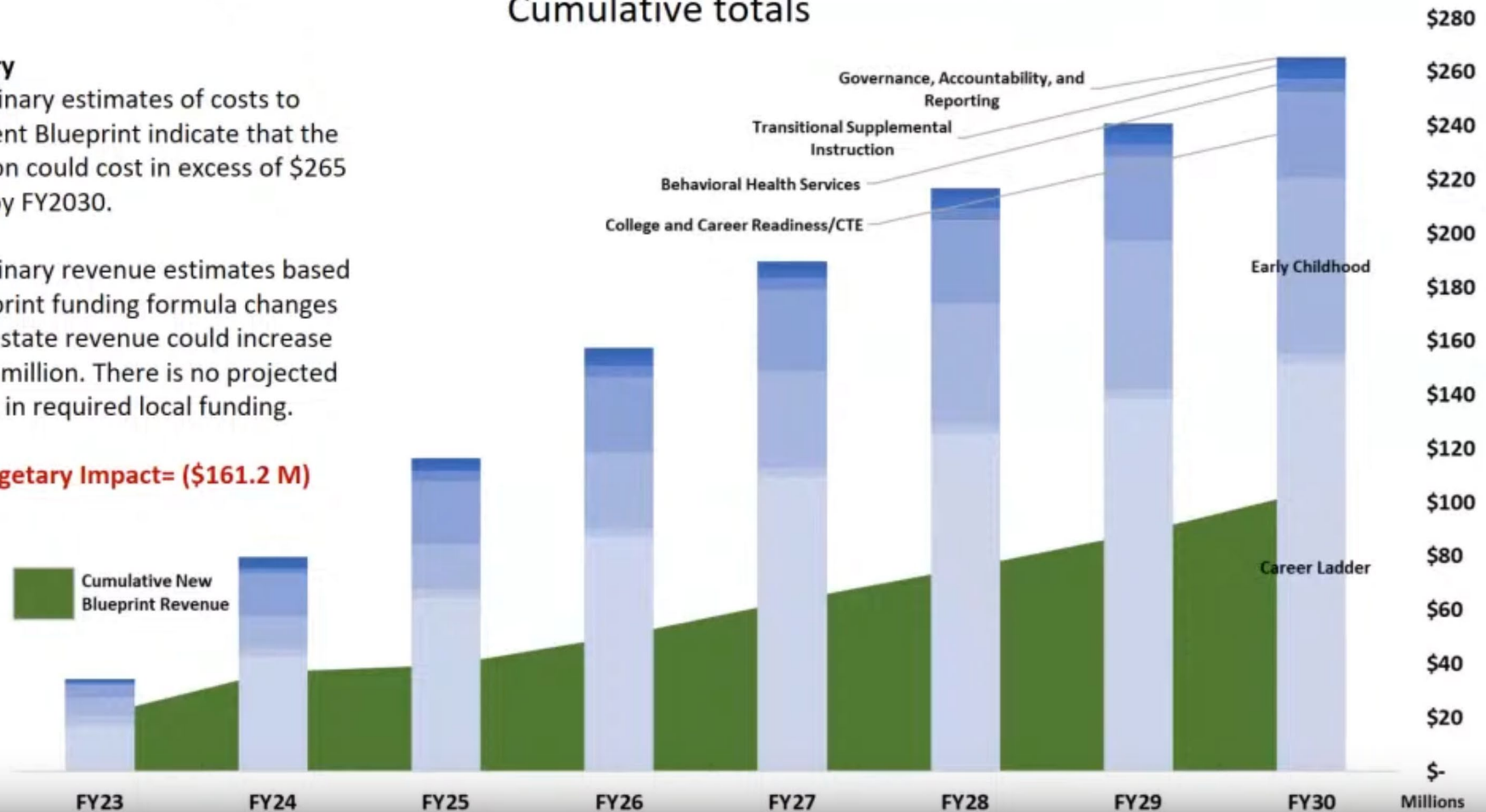
Preliminary Estimates: Blueprint Budgetary Impact, FY23 – FY30

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)



Budget (Q&A Tonight)

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

The BOE adopted their adaptation on FEB 24th, 2022

*Reduction on 1 student/teacher ratio

*DEC funding

*

2nd County Executive Citizens Budget Hearing
March 14th

PTACHC Was Cut From Speaking First Budget Hearing


No response to follow-ups

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News022822b>

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.


 April 2022


[Howard County Government Budget Website →](#)

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.


 April-May 2022

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.

 May 2022

[County Council Budget Website →](#)

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/>

Forums

PTA Council typically hosts forums for candidates each election cycle. This year will have a condensed forum window due to extension of filing dates to late March.

The forums can range from primary to general elections. They can range from BOE races, to Council, to Executive, State positions and more.

PTACHC is non-partisan, offering the same opportunities for all candidates using National PTA Guidelines. Yes, your local unit can host a forum as well. The same guidelines apply, including inviting all candidates. Please be considerate and coordinate with PTACHC to avoid conflicting venues.

Dates of events are TBD with early planning underway.

These events are typically recorded for a wider audience and available at the PTACHC YouTube site. Past examples can be viewed.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSSjoBfKcyFih0IB8GHB53A/videos> (Or Just search PTACHC on YouTube)

Redistricting

The public input to the redistricting process to open HS#13 In Jessup starts March 8th, 9th, and 14th

While the FOCUS is on HS#13 – Any attendance area could be considered based on the need to fill HS#13, adjust feeds at all grade levels and cascading effects.

PTACHC supports and advocates for all schools to be adequate and does not Take positions on individual redistricting.

PTACHC does support necessary improvements to the entire school system, redistricting processes, public input ,transparency, prevention of overcrowding and concentrations of poverty.

<https://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/redistricting-for-23-24/>

Spring Community Input Workshops

The Spring Community Input Workshops provide an opportunity for community members to meet with staff from the HCPSS Office of School Planning and the Cooperative Strategies team to provide input and voice their priorities related to the redistricting process.

Students, families, staff and community members may attend any of the three sessions. For those unable to attend a workshop, meeting materials and a survey will be posted online by March 8.

Workshop locations are not an indicator of which areas of the county may or may not be impacted by redistricting.

**REGISTER FOR A
WORKSHOP**

- Tuesday, March 8, 7–8:30 p.m., Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City
- Wednesday, March 9, 7–8:30 p.m., Oakland Mills High School, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia
- Monday, March 14, 7–8:30 p.m., Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Road, Columbia