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CB-26-2022

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HCPSS Already can “reserve” land to build a school within a new development up to 3 years (at the pre-developed land value).

CB-26-2022 extends the regulation to allow reservation of Commercial Space In new developments for HCPSS leases at market rate.

This is geared toward serving blueprint Pre-K requirements and discouraging commercial to residential conversions in new mixed-use development.

Bill may be passed/defeated/amended/tabled May 4.

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CB-34-2022

CR-56, CR-60, CR-70 TRANSFER TAX

- **The County Capital And Operating Budget Are Already Being Filed May 4.**
- **Don't panic... this is normal.**
- **This will be the basis which the Council may amend.**
- **Unless you advocate... the budget is already finalized. (See Newton's First Law)**
- **Have your members contact CouncilMail@HowardCountyMD.gov**

Example #1:

A soccer ball will stay at rest until an unbalanced force, like your foot, kicks it and puts it in motion.



An object at rest will remain at rest...



Unless acted on by an unbalanced force.

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BUDGET

- **THE FY 2023 BUDGET SEASON IS UNDERWAY**
- **THERE IS A \$71 MILLION SHORTFALL BETWEEN BOE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE BUDGET**
- **THE COUNCIL CAN RESTORE THE DIFFERENCE OR....
THE BOE CAN CUT \$71 MILLION FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET**
- **HAS YOUR LOCAL PTA REACHED OUT TO YOUR COUNCIL
*COUNCILMAIL@HOWARDCOUNTYMD.GOV?***



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BUDGET WORKSESSIONS

- **TODAY – 9:30AM – Council Budget Hearing HCPSS**
- **May 4 – 9:30AM – Council**
- **May 5 – 7:00PM – BOE Budget Testimony**
- **May 9 – 7:00PM – budget testimony – Council (non-educational items)**
- **May 11 – 9:30AM – Council**
- **May 11 – 7PM @ Oakland Mills – PTACHC BOE FORUM!!!!!!!!!!**
- **May 12 – 9:30AM OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGET TESTIMONY – Council**
- **May 13 – 9:30AM – Council**
- **May 16 – 9:30AM – Council**
- **May 16 – 7:00PM – Council**
- **May 23 – 9:30AM – Council**
- **May 25 – NOON Council vote on budget.**
- **May 25 – 7PM @ River Hill – PTACHC COUNCIL FORUM!!!!!!!!!!**
- **May 26 – 3:00PM – BOE adopts budget.**

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County General Plan



GENERAL PLAN Update Moves into next “chapter”

Previous sessions discouraged educational input. Of note, these sessions are being held in the peak of the budget cycle where the county has not demonstrated enough educational resources to keep up with past growth approved in prior general plans.

“Quality By Design” sessions to be held...

- May 10 3PM – 5PM Hybrid – George Howard Building Ellicott City.**
- May 12 6:30PM – 8:30PM Hybrid – George Howard Building Ellicott City.**
- Format/Content/Surveys/Next Chapter dates are not available yet.**

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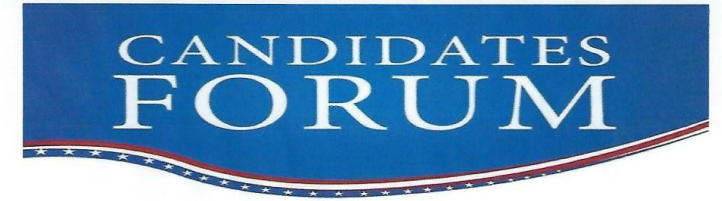
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FORUMS

- **May 11th BOE Candidate Forum Oakland Mills 7PM**
- **May 25th County Council Forum River Hill 7PM**
- **Other Candidate Forum – In Planning**

- **PTA Volunteers welcome – Contact board@ptachc.org**
- **Format – Live Event – Posted Online Afterward.**
- **Factors – Facility availability, Primary Timeline, Competing Events**

- **Submit Questions Prior To Event**



Howard County Board of Education
Candidates Forum
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
7 pm – 8:30 pm

Oakland Mills High School (Auditorium)
9510 Killimanjaro Road
Columbia, MD 21045

Our elected school board plays a critical role in shaping the vision, policies and futures of our children in Howard County. Everyone is invited to come meet the candidates and hear their ideas on:

- Shaping a premier school district
- Investing in our children and youth
- Ensuring excellence and equity in teaching and learning
- Keeping our schools safe

This will be a moderated discussion and open forum.

Be informed so that you can cast your vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, July 19!

Registration: <https://forms.gle/tFsOxMLDpE7MLouX6>

Please register so that PTACHC can inform you of upcoming events, additional opportunity for input, forums and more.

The Candidate's Forum is presented by
PTA Council of Howard County, MD (PTACHC)



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SINE DIE - STATE



The HCPSS has compiled a detailed list of state legislation bill status. (see Appendix). The list includes the positions of the BOE, which may or may not align with PTACHC legislative positions for various reasons.

With this in mind, the HCPSS report is significant in detail for PTA members to review and highlight details of passed, failed and amended state bills that they may want to share with local units and research in detail.

As an advocacy organization, PTACHC needs to remain involved in education legislation, particularly at the county level. The number of topics that can be managed is dependent on the level of volunteerism provided by you and your local members. Contact Legislative@ptachc.org

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Status of Board of Education Position Bills – As of 4/12/22, After Sine Die
 (Highlighted bills = passed by the Maryland General Assembly. All bills, unless indicated, must still be signed by the Governor before enacted into law.)

Local Bills

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0865 SUPPORT	Howard County - Due Process Proceedings for Children With Disabilities - Burden of Proof Ho. Co. 02-22: 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.	Howard County Delegation	FAILED
HB1306 SUPPORT	Howard County - Public Schools - Alternative Instruction Model Policy Ho. Co. 09-22: 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; and authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to adopt a policy allowing a public school in the county to use an alternative instruction model if the county board and the exclusive bargaining units for the local school system negotiate the terms of implementing and using an alternative instruction model.	Howard County Delegation	FAILED
SB0756 SUPPORT W/AMEND	University System of Maryland - County School Technology Pilot Program - Established: Establishing the County School Technology Pilot Program, implemented and administered by the University System of Maryland, to identify opportunities to apply computer-based analytical processes for more efficient school redistricting that are not subject to personal or political influence and, to the extent practicable, to predict the number of prekindergarten seats that will be needed within the following 3 years; requiring the Governor to include \$200,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal year 2024 for the Program; etc.	Senator Hester	FAILED

	provide the parents or legal guardians of students who attend a failing school notice that the school is failing and a list of alternative school options; establishing the Right to Learn Program to provide students who attend a failing school and choose to pursue an alternative education option with certain scholarships; establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program; etc.		
HB1045 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Education - Enrollment Count - Average Daily Attendance: Defining the term 'average daily attendance' for purposes of calculating certain funding for primary and secondary education; and altering the definition of 'full-time equivalent enrollment' to include the average daily attendance of students in kindergarten through grade 12 on school days in September through December of the prior school year.	Delegate Kittleman	FAILED
HB1365 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Education - Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment Count - Alterations: Altering the definition of 'full-time equivalent enrollment' in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on September 30, December 31, March 31, and the last day of the prior school year.	Delegate Rose	FAILED
HB1426 SB0640 SUPPORT	Primary and Secondary Education - Maintenance of Effort Requirements - Alterations: Requiring the governing body of each county to appropriate a certain amount of funds to the school operating budgets for fiscal year 2023. <i>*Provisions from this bill ultimately included in HB1450</i>	Delegate Luedtke Senator King	FAILED
HB1450 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation Plans and Fund - Alterations: Expanding the uses for certain grants under the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program; requiring the State Department of Education to collect certain data and submit a certain report by December 1, 2022; altering certain dates for the development, adoption, and submission of plans to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to release certain funds withheld from a local school system for fiscal year 2023 if a certain condition is met; etc. AMENDMENTS: <i>Extended implementation date for supports for students not meeting CCR one year (to 2023-2024); allows for the release of the 25% increase on submission of the local implementation plan rather than approval; gives allowable uses for excess concentration of poverty/community school funds; adds a deadline for MSDE to collect new indicator of poverty data by December 2022. Brought in MOE hold harmless provisions from SB0640 for FY23 to prevent MOE from declining based on lowered enrollment.</i>	Delegate McIntosh	PASSED (Enacted)

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Board Operations

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0314 OPPOSE	County Boards of Education - Voting Members - Requirements: Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, that a county board of education have an odd number of members who are eligible to vote on each matter before the county board; and authorizing a county board, if it does not have an odd number of members and a vote coming to the board cannot be postponed or rescheduled, to select a certain individual in a certain manner to vote on a matter before the county board in order to comply with the requirement to have an odd number of voting members.	Delegate Novotny	FAILED
HB0488 SUPPORT	Local Public Campaign Financing - Expansion to Additional Offices: Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train certain school personnel to administer in emergency situations bronchodilators to a student who is determined to have asthma, is experiencing asthma-related symptoms, or is perceived to be in respiratory distress; requiring the Department of Education to develop training for school personnel in identification of respiratory distress in students; etc.	Delegate Feldmark	FAILED
HB0793 OPPOSE	County Boards of Education - Community Ombudsman - Established: Requiring each county board of education to designate a community ombudsman to provide assistance, as a neutral party, to parents and caregivers of students and other community members who have questions regarding school policies and procedures; requiring the community ombudsman to take certain actions; and providing for the confidentiality of communications between the community ombudsman and the individuals seeking services.	Delegate Lisanti	FAILED
HB1281 OPPOSE	County Boards of Education - Elected Members - Recall Procedures: Establishing processes and procedures for the recall of an elected member of a county board of education.	Delegate Rose	FAILED

Budget/School Funding

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0415 SB0401 OPPOSE	Operating Budget - Funding - Scholarships for Nonpublic School Students: Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2024, to include in the annual budget bill General Fund appropriations of certain amounts for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program.	Speaker President	FAILED
HB0737 OPPOSE	Alternative Education Options - Right to Learn and Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Programs (Right to Learn Act of 2022): Requiring, on or before January 1 each year, and based on certain star ratings, each county board of education to	Delegate Ghrist	FAILED

Virtual Schools/Courses/Closures

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0805 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Schools - Alterations: Authorizing the State Department of Education, a county board of education, or a public institution of higher education to establish a statewide virtual school in the State; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the establishment and operation of virtual schools; requiring the State to distribute certain funds to virtual schools; etc.	Delegate Szeliga	FAILED
HB1163 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Education - Requirements: Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to design a certain course of training in the pedagogy of virtual education; requiring the State Department of Education to provide local school systems with guidance related to the periodic professional development and support for teachers to achieve virtual education best practice principles; requiring the Department, by September 1, 2022, to establish a statewide universal learning management system for public schools; etc. AMENDMENTS: Incorporated virtual school provisions from SB0362, removed provisions related to virtual courses, and incorporated authorization for use of virtual education days for inclement weather closures from SB0717. Existing virtual schools may continue through the 2023-2024 school year, bringing the school into compliance with the provisions of the new law as soon as practicable.	Delegate Washington	PASSED
SB0362 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Schools - Revisions: Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training related to teaching in a virtual learning environment as a component of instruction; altering the requirements for certain virtual schools; authorizing a county board to establish one virtual school per grade band but may not include classes for prekindergarten or kindergarten students; providing that certain virtual schools approved before the effective date of the Act may continue to operate through the 2023-2024 school year; etc. AMENDMENTS: Melded with HB1163 above.	Senator Pinsky	PASSED
SB0717 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Public Schools - Virtual Education Days - Authorization: Providing that a county board of education may authorize a county superintendent of schools, under certain circumstances, to provide virtual education days to students instead of closing the public schools in the county because of severe weather conditions; requiring the county board to publish the plan for use of virtual education days on the school system's website; requiring a county superintendent to adequately design the virtual education day model before implementation of the first virtual education day; etc. <i>*Provisions from this bill ultimately included in HB1163</i>	Senator Simonaire	FAILED

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Administration/Management of Public Schools

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0495 SB0519 SUPPORT	Education - Student-Organized Peaceful Demonstrations - Student Discipline and Policy: Prohibiting a public school from prohibiting a student from organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, imposing certain limits on a student's right to free speech while participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, or disciplining a student for organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration under certain circumstances; requiring each county board to develop a written policy regarding student-organized peaceful demonstrations; etc.	Delegate Ebersole Senator Washington	FAILED
HB1122 SB0987 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Home School Students - Extracurricular Activities (Right to Play Act of 2022): Requiring each public school to allow students in home instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school if the student participates in a home instruction program under written agreement with the county superintendent, is eligible to attend the public school, and meets and complies with the public school's requirements for participating in the extracurricular activity.	Delegate Ghrist Senator Hershey	FAILED
HB1145 OPPOSE	Education - Student Behavior - Parent Notice and Required Counseling (Parent Accountability Act): Establishing that it is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with their child after receiving notice of violent and disruptive behavior; and requiring a public school principal to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of a student who engages in two or more number of incidents of violent and disruptive behavior in a public school during the school year.	Delegate Long	FAILED
SB0852 OPPOSE	Education - School Personnel – Training: Altering the training requirements for certain school personnel to include training to recognize students experiencing teen dating violence. <i>SENATE AMENDMENTS: Health Educator position requirement in original bill removed; added a requirement for professional development for school staff to include signs of teen dating violence.</i>	Senator Carter	FAILED

Employee Regulations/Human Resources

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0024 SB0004 SUPPORT	Cybersecurity Scholarship Program - Alterations: Altering certain criteria for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program, including increasing the number of years a recipient may hold an award, expanding the qualifying positions for a scholarship recipient to fulfill a work obligation, and establishing criteria for part-time students, beginning with the 2023-2024 Program	Delegate Luedtke Senator Hester	PASSED

	application period, to be eligible for the scholarship, hold an award, and fulfill a work obligation; etc. <i>AMENDMENTS: Removed Cybersecurity Loan Assistance Repayment Program for those employed in the cybersecurity field for state, county or local governments, as well as local education agencies in both versions.</i>		
HB0081 SUPPORT	Community Development Administration - Live Near Where You Teach Program - Establishment: Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program that assists certain teachers with receiving certain low-interest mortgages for the purchase of homes near where the teacher is employed; and requiring the Administration to administer certain community development projects to provide certain teachers with certain financial assistance to buy homes near where the teacher is employed under certain circumstances.	Delegate Amprey	FAILED
HB0698 SB0721 SUPPORT	Labor and Employment - State Minimum Wage Rate - Increase: Increasing the State minimum wage rates in effect for certain periods of time; and repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase to the State minimum wage rate.	Delegate Turner Senator Waldstreicher	FAILED
HB0743 SB0410 SUPPORT	Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment: Providing an exemption from reemployment earnings offsets for retirees of the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems for certain reemployment from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, for the rehire by each superintendent of a local school system and the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf of a maximum of 25 individuals who are retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System and 25 individuals who are retirees of the Teachers' Pension System. <i>AMENDMENT: Limited retirees that can be rehired to 25.</i>	Delegate Lierman Senator Elfreth	PASSED
HB0799 OPPOSE	State and Local Government - COVID-19 - Vaccination by Choice Act: Prohibiting the State and the political subdivisions in the State from requiring an applicant for employment or an employee to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition for employment.	Delegate Morgan	FAILED
HB0819 SB0943 OPPOSE	Public Health - COVID-19 and Other Influenza-Like Illnesses - Antibody Tests: Authorizing an individual to use proof of a positive antibody test to satisfy a vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or other influenza-like illnesses.	Delegate Parrott Senator Salling	FAILED
HB0890 SB0962 OPPOSE	Education - Collective Bargaining - Certificated Employees - Class Size: Repealing the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the maximum number of students assigned to a class.	Delegate Lewis, J. Senator Benson	FAILED

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Curriculum/Educational Programming

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0165 OPPOSE	Education - Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program - Human and Sex Trafficking: Requiring the State Board of Education and nonpublic schools that hold a certificate of approval from the State Board and participate in the Nonpublic Schools Textbook and Technology Grants Program to develop and implement a program of age-appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault that includes, for students in grades 6 through 8, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking.	Delegate Johnson	FAILED
HB0194 OPPOSE	Education - Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum - Sexting: Requiring a county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on the risks of sexting as part of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in every grade in which the curriculum is taught in public schools in the county, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.	Delegate Shetty	FAILED
HB0200 OPPOSE	Education - Public Middle and High Schools - Financial Literacy Curriculum and Graduation Requirement: Requiring the State Department of Education to update the Maryland State Curriculum for Personal Financial Literacy Education and corresponding financial literacy standards to include content related to managing loans and taxes; requiring the State Board of Education to establish a financial literacy education week; requiring, beginning in the 2023-2023 school year, each county board to offer a certain financial literacy curriculum; requiring each county board to provide a certificate of completion for students completing the course; etc.	Delegate Amprey	FAILED
HIB0383 SB0438 SUPPORT	Young Readers Programs - Establishment (Young Readers Program Expansion Act): Establishing the Baltimore City Young Readers Program within the Division of Children and Youth of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to mail free, high-quality books to children in Baltimore City; establishing the Young Readers Matching Grant Program within the Division to provide matching grants to affiliated services to support the establishment and operation of certain book-gifting services; and requiring the Deputy Director of the Division to administer the programs. <i>AMENDMENT: Grants available to any "early reader organization" that mails free, high-quality books to children.</i>	Delegate Korman Senator McCray	PASSED
HIB0541 SB0478 SUPPORT	Career and Technical Education Committee - Alterations: Adding a representative of a skilled trade organization and a representative of a career college to the list of members who must be selected for the Career and Technical Education Committee; altering the CTE Committee's duties and authorized actions to include the perspective of career colleges and skilled trade organizations; and requiring the CTE Committee to develop and provide to guidance counselors and public schools in the State a list of all skilled trade organization programs and career programs in the State.	Delegate Qi Senator Hester	PASSED

	<i>AMENDMENT: Moved the CTE Committee under the Maryland Department of Labor.</i>		
HB0758 OPPOSE	Education - Public Schools - Lesson Plans and Instructional Material: Requiring the posting of lesson plans and instructional materials used at public schools on the public school's website; and establishing requirements for the development, production, and inspection of certain instructional materials referenced in certain lesson plans.	Delegate Szeliga	FAILED
HB0950 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Civics Education Award Program: Establishing the Civics Education Award Program to award \$1,000 to 40 public school students in grade 12 who achieve a score of 90% or higher on the civics portion of the naturalization test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; requiring by the first day of the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board to determine the means of providing each high school student an opportunity to take the civics test; and requiring the Department of Education to provide funding for the awards program.	Delegate Kittleman	FAILED
HB0985 OPPOSE	Education - Public High Schools - Financial Literacy Curriculum: Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a half credit course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content in every public high school in the county; and repealing a provision of law requiring the State Department of Education to report on certain changes to financial literacy curricula at a certain interval. <i>AMENDMENT: Removed graduation requirement.</i>	Delegate Walker	FAILED
HB1280 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Mathematics Credit - College Preparatory Computer Science or Computer Programming Course: Authorizing a student who is enrolled at a public high school to satisfy a graduation requirement to earn credits in mathematics by completing a credit in a certain college preparatory computer science or computer programming course if enrolled in the course concurrently with or after completing Algebra II; and requiring a county board of education to make a certification that a college preparatory computer science or computer programming course may count toward the mathematics graduation requirement.	Delegate Rose	FAILED
HB1287 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Curricula and Instructional Materials - Required List of Information (Curriculum Transparency Act of 2022): Requiring each county board of education to direct each public school in the county to provide certain information regarding curricula and instructional materials beginning in the 2022-2023 school year; and requiring the State Superintendent to direct the Comptroller to withhold certain funding from a county board under certain circumstances.	Delegate Rose	FAILED
HB1410 SB0162 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Public Schools - Cyber Safety Guide and Training Course - Development, Implementation, and Reporting: Requiring the State Department of Education, the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Department of Information Technology jointly to develop and publish a cyber safety guide and training course to be implemented in public schools beginning in the 2023-2024 school year; requiring the cyber safety	Delegate Kerr Senator Hester	FAILED

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	guide and training course to be developed in consultation with professionals who specialize in child development and child psychology; etc.		
HB1437 SB0699 OPPOSE	Public High Schools - Financial Literacy - Curriculum, Graduation Requirement, and Professional Development: Requiring the State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Maryland Council on Economic Education, to develop curriculum content for a certain course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the curriculum in every public high school beginning in the 2025-2026 school year; requiring the completion of a certain financial literacy course in order to graduate from high school beginning in 2029; etc.	Delegate Stein Senator Klausmeier	FAILED
SB0237 OPPOSE	Education - Curriculum - Unit of Instruction on September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks: Requiring public schools and nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to include in the curriculum, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that is consistent with certain guidelines developed by the State Board of Education; and encouraging nonpublic schools that do not participate in State-funded education programs to include in the curriculum a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.	Senator Salling	FAILED
SB0786 OPPOSE	Education - Public Schools - Curriculum Publication (Curriculum Transparency and Publication Act): Requiring each public school to post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school's publicly accessible website not less than 60 days after the curriculum is approved or revised; and requiring each county board of education to ensure that public schools post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school's publicly accessible website.	Senator Carozza	FAILED

Student Support/Health Services

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0118 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Public Schools - Student Attendance - Excused Absences for Mental Health Needs: Providing that absences from school for mental health needs are lawful absences under certain circumstances; providing for the circumstances under which an absence for a student's mental health needs shall be excused; requiring a student who is absent due to mental health needs to be informed of the opportunity to meet with a school mental health specialist within an appropriate period of time to discuss the mental health needs that caused the student's absence from school; and authorizing a county board to adopt certain policies and procedures. <i>AMENDMENT: Rewritten to align mental health absences with other illnesses.</i>	Delegate Washington	PASSED

HB0136 SB0299 OPPOSE	Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh's Act): Requiring a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, to require at least two school personnel who are either school nurses or individuals designated by the school nurse to complete professional development training in certain seizure recognition and response methods; requiring a public school to provide training every 2 years to school personnel with direct contact and supervision of students on certain seizure recognition and response methods; etc. <i>AMENDMENTS: Removed language allowing for an online training, instead indicating one of the two individuals trained per school must "present" an abridged version of best practice guidelines, and all personnel with direct contact and supervision of students must "attend the presentation." Added requirement for parent to approve individual authorized to administer medication.</i>	Delegate Kerr Senator Young	PASSED
HB0154 SB0095 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Anaphylactic Food Allergies - Guidelines and Requirements: Requiring each county board of education to adopt, implement, and publish certain guidelines in accordance with the Maryland State school health service guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common areas; requiring each county board to publish the guidelines on its website; requiring each public school to develop a system to disclose, reasonably in advance, the foods served in the school and the major food allergens contained in the food; etc. <i>AMENDMENTS: Removed language requiring school systems to ensure all students with allergies can "fully" participate in "all" school events; removes requirement to post a list of foods and allergens daily.</i>	Delegate Palakovich Carr Senator Lam	FAILED
HB0384 OPPOSE	Public and Nonpublic Schools - Bronchodilator and Epinephrine Availability and Use – Policies: Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to obtain, administer, and train certain school personnel to administer in emergency situations bronchodilators to a student who is determined to have asthma, is experiencing asthma-related symptoms, or is perceived to be in respiratory distress; requiring the Department of Education to develop training for school personnel in identification of respiratory distress in students; etc. <i>AMENDMENTS: Added definition of "anaphylaxis" and "auto-injectable epinephrine;" requires the Maryland Department of Health to create training on the symptoms of respiratory illnesses; adds good faith liability language.</i>	Delegate Boyce	FAILED
HB0513 SUPPORT	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Support Services Program - Established: Establishing the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Support Services Program within the State Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood Development to promote positive mental and behavioral health practices for young children by providing certain referrals and services for children, families, teachers, and caregivers; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the operation of the Program; etc.	Delegate Ebersole	PASSED

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	<i>AMENDMENT: Cut \$6,000,000 down to \$3,000,000 for annual appropriation.</i>		
HB0657 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Public Schools - Standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire for Students - Development and Implementation: Requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for developing a standardized behavioral health questionnaire to identify students with behavioral health services needs; requiring that the questionnaire be given to the parent or guardian of each student when the student enrolls for school and every year thereafter; and requiring each behavioral health services coordinator to develop and implement a certain standardized behavioral health questionnaire. <i>AMENDMENT: Amended "screening" to be a "questionnaire;" specifies how the questionnaire will be used.</i>	Delegate Guyton	FAILED
HB1233 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Public Schools - Health and Vision Services - Required Screenings and Eye Examinations: Altering the requirements for vision screenings for students in public schools; requiring a county board of education to ensure that certain students receive an eye examination and eyeglasses under certain circumstances and in coordination with certain programs, if necessary; requiring a county board or county health department to provide students with certain information when the student registers for school; establishing the Pediatric Vision Program; establishing the Vision for Maryland Program to expand vision support services; etc.	Delegate Hill	FAILED
HB1292 OPPOSE	Public Schools and Child Care Providers - Immunizations - Discriminatory Policies Prohibited: Prohibiting a county board of education, public school, or child care provider from adopting a certain immunization policy that prohibits certain children from participating in certain activities or discriminates against certain children for having a certain exemption from certain immunization requirements.	Delegate Arkan	FAILED

Special Education

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0226 SB0577 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Self-Contained Special Education Classroom Video Recording Pilot Program: Establishing the Self-Contained Special Education Classroom Video Recording Pilot Program for selected public school classrooms in which all of the regularly attending students have a disability and are in that classroom for at least 50% of the instructional day; requiring certain public schools to allow the installation of a video recording device in a certain classroom; requiring notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency on receipt of a complaint of alleged neglect or abuse of a student; etc.	Delegate Guyton Senator Klausmeier	FAILED

HB0783 SB0575 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Mold Assessment and Remediation: Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of General Services, to adopt regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation in public schools, including requiring each county board of education to establish a process for reporting and assessing potential mold in a public school and remediating mold identified during a mold assessment; etc.	Delegate Jackson Senator Klausmeier	FAILED
HB0806 OPPOSE	Building Standards and Emissions Reductions - High Performance, State, and Local Government Buildings, State Operations, and Eligible Projects: Altering the definition of 'high performance building' to include certain schools and public safety buildings and require that the building meet certain building standards; requiring the Department of General Services to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; etc.	Delegate Stein	FAILED
HB1165 SB0588 OPPOSE	Capital Projects - High Performance and Green Buildings: Altering the definition of 'high performance building' to include certain schools and public safety buildings; altering the definition of 'major renovation' to mean a renovation of a certain size or value or resulting in a change in occupancy or replacement of certain utility installations; altering the type of capital projects to which certain high performance building standards apply; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop certain guidelines for new public school buildings; etc.	Delegate Forbes Senator Hettleman	FAILED
HB1290 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Education - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration: Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to take certain actions relating to public school construction, including increasing the State share of certain public school construction project costs under certain circumstances and inspecting certain systems and equipment during inspections of school buildings; prohibiting the Interagency Commission from using facility assessment data and making funding decisions based on facility assessment results unless certain conditions are met; etc. <i>AMENDMENT: Indicated State share increases do not apply to projects approved prior to bill effective date or projects funded with bonds prior to April 1, 2022.</i>	Delegate McIntosh	PASSED (Enacted)
SB0528 SUPPORT W/AMEND	Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022: Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions through the alteration of statewide greenhouse gas emissions goals, the establishment of a net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions goal, the development of certain energy efficiency and emissions reduction requirements for certain buildings, and requiring electric companies to increase their annual incremental gross energy savings; requiring the Governor to provide funding of at least \$500,000 for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program in fiscal years 2024 through 2028; etc. <i>AMENDMENTS: Removes net-zero school requirements; adds State share incentive for those who build a net-zero; removes solar and emissions reporting; adds electric school bus pilot program.</i>	Senator Pinsky	PASSED (Enacted)

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	<p><i>AMENDMENTS: Shifted to a pilot program where MSDE will choose five school systems to participate with one elementary and one high school required. Costs to install, monitor cameras to be reimbursed by MSDE. Additional amendments alter requirements for review and use of videos, as well as reporting for pilot evaluation.</i></p>		
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School Construction & Maintenance

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0068 SB0040 SUPPORT	<p>Interagency Commission on School Construction - Systemic Renovation Projects - Eligibility: Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects with a construction cost of at least \$100,000 as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund. <i>AMENDMENT: Limited eligible projects to those over \$100,000.</i></p>	<p>Delegate Watson Senator Hester</p>	FAILED
HB0365 OPPOSE	<p>Public School Construction - Fossil Fuel-Based Energy System Costs - Prohibition (Green School Construction Act of 2022): Prohibiting the Interagency Commission on School Construction from considering a new or replacement fossil fuel-based energy system as a construction or capital improvement cost.</p>	<p>Delegate Korman</p>	FAILED
HB0665 SB0576 OPPOSE	<p>Public Schools - Air Quality: Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt regulations to set minimal standards for air quality standards by August 1, 2023; requiring each county board of education to utilize the services of a qualified indoor air quality investigator to conduct any indoor air quality tests to be conducted in a public school in the county; and requiring a county board, on receipt of a request by a member of the public for the results of an indoor air quality test to provide the results to a member of the public in a certain manner. <i>AMENDMENTS: Changed "retain" to "utilize" for air quality inspector; removes online reporting requirements; added reporting to the IAC, which must establish regulations for minimal air quality standards.</i></p>	<p>Delegate Jackson Senator Klausmeier</p>	FAILED
HB0686 OPPOSE	<p>Public Schools - Health and Safety - Carbon Dioxide Monitoring in Classrooms (Safe School Indoor Air Act): Establishing the Safe School Indoor Air Program in the Maryland Department of the Environment to improve indoor air quality in public school classrooms; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education, to administer the Program; requiring public schools to monitor carbon dioxide levels in each classroom in a school at least twice each school year; requiring certain remediation measures; and requiring each county board of education to develop a certain policy and implementation plan.</p>	<p>Delegate Solomon</p>	FAILED

HB0150 SB0124 SUPPORT	<p>Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste: Establishing the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste to award grants to county boards of education and public schools to develop and implement programs for reducing food waste and to establish composting of pre-and post-consumer waste; and requiring the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education to review grant applications and select recipients to be awarded grants by the State Department of Education. <i>AMENDMENTS: Required annual appropriation removed; limited bill to five year sunset.</i></p>	<p>Delegate Charkoudian Senator Hettleman</p>	PASSED
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Student Transportation

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0126 OPPOSE	General Provisions - Standard Time - Year-Round Daylight Saving Time: Altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year-round.	Delegate Crosby	FAILED
HB0753 SB0421 OPPOSE	Primary and Secondary Schools - Bus Driver Wages - Study: Requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2022, to evaluate, study, and identify certain issues relating to wages paid to certain bus drivers and report its findings to the governing body of each county and Baltimore City, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly. <i>AMENDMENTS: Study moved under Department of Transportation and Department of Education in House version; added regional prevailing wage and study of benefits in Senate version.</i>	Delegate Jones, D. Senator Rosapepe	PASSED
SB0238 OPPOSE	Public Schools - Crossing Guards - Hiring and Budget Allocation: Requiring each county board of education to require the local school system to hire school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding in the county board budget; requiring the county police department, if the county board is not able to provide sufficient funding, to hire the additional number of school crossing guards necessary to provide school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding in the county police department budget.	Senator Salling	FAILED

Food Services/School Nutrition

Number	Title & Summary	Primary Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0147 SB0121 SUPPORT	Maryland Farms and Families Fund, Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program, and Maryland Farm-to-School Meal Grant Pilot Program - Alterations and Establishment: Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund; establishing the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program and Fund to provide grants to food banks and charitable emergency food providers to alleviate food insecurity; and establishing the Maryland Farm-to-School Meal Grant Pilot Program and Fund to award grants to eligible school districts that include a local food component in school meals and to incentivize the production, procurement, and provision of local foods in school meals. <i>AMENDMENTS: Alters calculation for grant award to be an estimate of expected meals. Required annual appropriation removed.</i>	Delegate Charkoudian Senator Hester	PASSED