

# HOUSE BILL 1124

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By: **Delegate Adams**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Local School Systems – Budget Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each local school system, on or before certain dates for certain  
4 years, to report to the Accountability and Implementation Board on all expenditures  
5 in the local school system’s annual budget, disaggregated by each major budget  
6 category; requiring the Board to provide a local government with a copy of the report  
7 on request; and generally relating to local school systems and budget reporting.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 5–401(a) and (b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Education

15 Section 5–406

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 5–401.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Board” means the Accountability and Implementation Board.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 5-406.

2 (a) The Board shall review the use of funds provided under Subtitle 2 of this title  
3 by the State and local government agencies responsible for implementing the Blueprint for  
4 Maryland's Future.

5 (b) (1) (I) On or before January 1 each year in 2022 through 2032, the  
6 Department shall submit to the Board information on the use of school-level expenditures  
7 in the current fiscal year to aid the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities under this subtitle.

8 [(2) (i)] (II) Subject to subparagraph [(ii)] (III) of this paragraph, each  
9 local school system shall report to the Department, in a manner determined by the  
10 Department, on school-level spending to aid the Department in fulfilling its obligations  
11 under this subtitle.

12 [(ii)] (III) Each local school system that includes public charter  
13 schools shall account in the report required under this subsection for the distribution of  
14 school-level funding to public charter schools to demonstrate compliance with § 5-234 of  
15 this title.

16 (2) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 AND MARCH 1 EACH YEAR IN 2022  
17 THROUGH 2032, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD, IN A  
18 MANNER DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, ON ALL EXPENDITURES IN THE LOCAL  
19 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S ANNUAL BUDGET, DISAGGREGATED BY EACH MAJOR BUDGET  
20 CATEGORY.

21 (3) ON REQUEST, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A LOCAL  
22 GOVERNMENT WITH A COPY OF A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
23 THIS SUBSECTION.

24 (c) The Board shall monitor the expenditures of local school systems to ensure  
25 that minimum school-level funding requirements under § 5-234 of this title are met.

26 (d) The Board shall monitor the expenditures of funding provided to local school  
27 systems under § 5-223 of this title to ensure that public schools are providing the necessary  
28 services.

29 (e) (1) The Board shall monitor how additional special education funding  
30 provided under § 5-225 of this title is being used, including:

31 (i) The aggregate number of children in special education services  
32 by school; and

33 (ii) The special education services that have been provided through  
34 funding under § 5-225 of this title.

1           (2) If a local school system is not spending funding allocated under § 5–225  
2 of this title in addition to special education spending levels provided by State and local  
3 funds on June 30, 2020, the local school system shall provide a written response to the  
4 Board explaining why additional spending on special education is not necessary.

5           (f) The Board shall develop an appeals process through which local school  
6 systems may request greater flexibility in meeting this requirement for reasons including  
7 a significant shift in total enrollment or at–promise enrollment between schools from the  
8 prior school year to the current school year.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2022.