

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on _____, 2016.

Certified by _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Approved by the County Executive on _____, 2016.

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 5-110 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code provides that the County
2 governing body may request that the Maryland State Department of Education contract for a
3 performance audit of the county public school system; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the County Council believes that an assessment of the practices of the Howard County
5 Public School System is needed to determine whether the School System is operating
6 economically and efficiently and to determine whether corrective actions for improving its
7 performance are appropriate; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive joins the County Council in requesting the performance audit, as
9 indicated by his signature approving this Resolution.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this
11 _____ day of _____, 2016, that the County Council requests that the Maryland
12 State Department of Education contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public
13 School System to study the following issues:

- 14 1. legal fees and use of outside legal counsel;
15 2. the procurement process; and
16 3. special education staffing and services, including out of school placement.

17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administrator to the County Council shall send a copy
18 of this Resolution to the:

19 Maryland State Department of Education
20 200 West Baltimore Street
21 Baltimore, MD 21201
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